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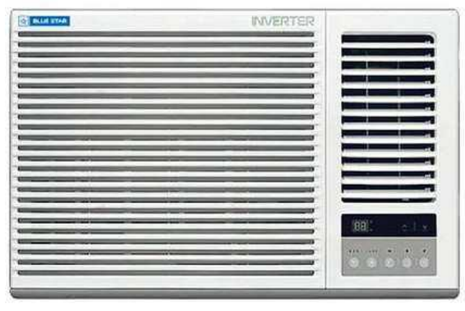
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16 killed in stampede at New Delhi rly station

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NEW DELHI: At least 16 people were killed and scores others injured in a stampede at the New Delhi Railway Station on Saturday when thousands of people gathered to board three Prayagraj-bound trains to attend the Maha Kumbh, officials aware of the matter said.

Railways officials said a crowd kept building up at platform number 14, from where the Prayagraj Express was set to depart. Two other Prayagraj-bound trains, the Swatantrata Senani Express and the Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani, which were set to leave from the station were delayed, which worsened the crowding.

"When Prayagraj Express was standing at platform number 14, a heavy crowd was present at the platform. Swatantrata Senani Express and Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani were delayed and passenger of these trains were also present at platform no. 12, 13 and 14. That's why the crowd became uncontrollable," said KPS Malhotra, DCP (Railways), suggesting there were two stampedes: "one

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A large crowd at the New Delhi Railway Station on Saturday evening. HT PHOTO

10 Kumbh devotees killed after car rams into bus on UP highway

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PRAYAGRAJ: Ten people travelling to the Maha Kumbh from Chhattisgarh died and 20 others sustained injuries in the early hours of Saturday after a car collided with a bus on the Mirzapur-Prayagraj highway in Uttar Pradesh, police said.

"The bodies have been taken to Swaroop Rani Medical Hospital for post-mortem examination. Further investigation is going on," deputy commissioner of police Vivek Chandra Yadav said.

In a post on X, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath's office said: "UPCM @myogiadityanath has expressed deep condolences on the loss of lives in a road accident in Prayagraj district. He has expressed condolences to the bereaved families." →P2

GOVT TO SET UP DEREGULATION PANEL TO PUSH EASE OF BIZ: PM

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Centre will constitute a deregulation commission to further reduce the role of government in all spheres of governance, with a focus on pushing ease of doing business.

Speaking at the ET Now Global Business Summit, 2025, the Prime Minister said: "It is my conviction that there should be less interference of the government... For this, the government is going to create a deregulation commission. →P6



QATAR AMIR TO ARRIVE FOR STATE VISIT TOMORROW

NEW DELHI: The Amir of Qatar, Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, will pay a state visit to India from February 17-18 at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the ministry of external affairs (MEA) said on Saturday.

An MEA statement said the Amir will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, senior officials, and businesspeople. This will be his second visit to India. →P11

Gaza truce: More prisoners, hostages freed



Former Palestinian prisoners, released as part of the sixth prisoner-hostage exchange are welcomed by loved ones, and (right) Hamas militants escort Israeli-Russian Sasha Trupanov before handing him over to a Red Cross team, in Khan Younis, on Saturday. AFP

US deports 2nd batch of illegal immigrants

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AMRITSAR: A second military flight carrying Indian citizens deported by the US for illegally entering the country landed in Amritsar late on Saturday, bringing 117 people – most of whom were from Punjab.

The United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster jet landed at the airport around 11.30pm and on-board were 65 from Punjab, 33 from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, three from Uttar Pradesh, two each from Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and Goa and one each from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, people aware of the matter said.

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann reached the city on Friday to receive the deportees.

The landing marks the second such deportation operation

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE C-17 GLOBEMASTER JET LANDED IN AMRITSAR AT 11.30PM. THE FLIGHT BROUGHT BACK 117 PEOPLE

in a little over a week, intensifying a crackdown that has seen over 1,100 Indian nationals returned from the US between October 2023 and September 2024.

The first US military aircraft on February 7 had brought back 104 people, with Gujarat and Haryana accounting for 33 deportees each, followed by 30 from Punjab.

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, who arrived in Amritsar on Friday to oversee arrangements for the deportees, raised multiple concerns about the operation. During a press conference at the airport hours before the flight's arrival, Mann warned the central government against turning Amritsar, a city of significant religious importance, into a "detention or deportee centre."

"This sacred land has several sacred places like Sri Harmandar Sahib, Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal, Durgiana Mandir and Jallianwala Bagh," Mann said, questioning whether such deportation operations would be conducted at other religious sites like Vatican City. He also raised security concerns about US military aircraft landing at an airport just 40 kilometres from India's border.

The criticism found support across party lines. Congress MP Manish Tewari backed Mann's

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Zelensky pitches for creation of 'European army' to deter Russia

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MUNICH: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called on Saturday for the creation of a European army, saying the continent could no longer be sure of protection from the United States and would only get respect from Washington with a strong military.

He also said Kyiv would never accept any deal to end the Russia-Ukraine war made behind its back, and predicted Russian President Vladimir Putin would try to get US President Donald Trump to Moscow's May 9 World War II victory anniversary parade "not as a respected leader but as a prop in his own performance".

In an impassioned speech to



Volodymyr Zelensky

the annual Munich Security Conference of global policymakers, Zelensky said an address by US vice president JD Vance the previous day had made clear the relationship between Europe and the United States was changing.

"Let's be honest - now we can't rule out the possibility that America might say no to Europe on issues that threaten it," said

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Vigilance body orders probe amid Kejriwal residence row

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NEW DELHI: The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has ordered an investigation into alleged irregularities in the renovation of former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence, marking the latest chapter in a controversy regarded to have played a role in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) being voted out of power.

The probe, ordered on February 14, will examine complaints about the refurbishment of 6, Flag Staff Road — a Public Works Department (PWD) bungalow where Kejriwal resided during his tenure between 2015 and 2024. The investigation follows two complaints filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator Vijender Gupta in October 2024.

"After examination of the factual report regarding your complaint 76218/2024, CVO Central Public Works Department has been advised to conduct a detailed investigation in the matter," the CVC said in its communication to Gupta, seen by HT.

The AAP hit back, alleging that the media was "barred" from inspecting the bungalow in order to hide the fact that no violations took place.

The controversy over the residence, which the BJP branded as "Sheesh Mahal" (palace of mirrors), emerged as a potent political weapon that splintered AAP's armour of incorruptibility. The BJP, which secured a decisive victory by winning 48 of 70 seats, used the renovation scandal alongside other corruption allegations to paint Kejriwal as just another politician — far from the muffler-wrapped technocrat who had captured Delhi's imagination a decade ago. →P3



Kerala nursing council bars ragging accused

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KOCHI: The Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council (KNMC) on Saturday decided to bar the five senior students, who have been arrested for the brutal ragging of first-year students at the Government Nursing College in Kottayam, from continuing their studies and enrolling in the nursing programme in the southern state in future, officials aware of the matter said on Saturday.

The council's ruling came soon after the directorate of medical education suspended the college principal Sulekha AT and assistant professor Ajeesh P Mani, who was also the hostel in-charge, following a preliminary inquiry. →P2



WOMAN KILLS SON OVER HIS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, CUTS BODY INTO PIECES

CUMBUM: A 57-year-old woman allegedly killed her son with the help of her relatives and then dismembered his body in the Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh over the 35-year-old's sexual misconduct, police said on Saturday. Prakasam SP AR Damodar said K Lakshmi allegedly murdered her son K Shyam Prasad on February 13 as she was frustrated with his "perverted and indecent" behaviour. Police said Prasad had sexually harassed some of his relatives and even attempted to rape them. →P2

SINNER RECEIVES 3-MONTH BAN FOR DOPING VIOLATION

MILAN: Top-ranked tennis player Jannik Sinner accepted a three-month ban in a settlement with the World Anti-Doping Agency and said on Saturday the agreement ends a case that was "hanging over me" since his two positive doping tests nearly a year ago. The ban duration means 23-year-old won't miss any Grand Slam tournaments. →P24



{ IN WASHINGTON } ARMY HELICOPTER AND PASSENGER PLANE

Broken radio dispatch linked to mid-air crash



The wreckage was retrieved from the Potomac River. REUTERS ARCHIVE

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WASHINGTON: The crew of the army helicopter that collided in mid-air with an American Airlines jet near Washington, DC's Ronald Reagan National Airport may have had inaccurate altitude readings before the crash, and also may not have heard instructions from air traffic controllers to move behind the plane, investigators said on Friday.

National Transportation Safety Board chairwoman Jennifer Homendy said that the recording from the Black Hawk helicopter cockpit suggested an incomplete radio transmission may have left the crew without understanding how it should shift position just before the Jan-

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10 Kumbh pilgrims killed in UP highway collision

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PRAYAGRAJ: Ten pilgrims travelling to the Maha Kumbh from Chhattisgarh died and 20 others sustained injuries in the early hours of Saturday after their car collided with a bus on the Mirzapur-Prayagraj highway in Uttar Pradesh, police said, adding that they have filed a case against the private bus operator.

Deputy commissioner of police (DCP) Vivek Chandra Yadav said the devotees were from Korba district of Chhattisgarh and were heading to the Maha Kumbh to take a dip when the SUV they were travelling in collided head-on with a bus at around lam in front of Manu-Ka-Pura village under the Meja police station in Prayagraj district.

He added that all ten occupants of the SUV died in the accident, while 20 passengers of the bus sustained minor injuries. All the passengers in the bus are residents of Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh, and were going to Varanasi and Ayodhya from the Maha Kumbh area after taking a dip in the Sangam.

"The bodies have been taken to Swaroop Rani Medical Hospital for post-mortem examination. Further investigation is going on," he said.

President Droupadi Murmu condoled the loss of lives in the accident and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured.

"The news of the death of many people in a road accident on Mirzapur Highway in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh is extremely sad. I express my condolences to the families of the deceased. I wish for the speedy recovery of all those injured," she said in a post on X in Hindi.



Police personnel inspect the site of the collision in the Meja police station area of Prayagraj on Friday. PTI

In a post in Hindi on X, the chief minister's office said, "UPCM @myogiadityanath has expressed deep condolences on the loss of lives in a road accident in Prayagraj district. He has expressed condolences to the bereaved families."

It added: "The injured have been sent to the hospital and the chief minister has directed the district administration to provide them with proper treatment. He wished for the speedy recovery of the injured."

The CMO statement added that Adityanath has directed the officials to immediately reach the spot and expedite relief work. Instructions were also given to district administration officials to provide treatment to the injured.

Chhattisgarh chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai, too, conveyed his sorrow over the incident.

"I am saddened by the news of the death of 10 devotees due to the accident of a vehicle full of devotees from Korba district...Korba district administration has been instructed to make necessary arrangements by coordinating with the local administration," he posted on X.

ACP Meja Vivek Yadav said all the deceased have been identified and their families had also been informed accordingly.

The deceased include Somnath (28), Ishwari Prasad Jaiswal (56), Bhagirathi Jaiswal (43), Santosh Soni (55), Saurabh Soni, Ajay Banjare, Ganga Das Verma, Shiva Rajput (60), Deepak Verma and Raju Sahu.

According to officials familiar with the matter, the bodies trapped in the SUV were removed by pressing a crane into service. "It is suspected that the driver of the SUV dozed off on the wheel and rammed into the bus," Yadav said, adding that the incident is being investigated to ascertain the exact cause of the accident.

Five more pilgrims killed in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh

Four people were killed and six sustained injuries after a tourist van carrying pilgrims from the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj rammed into a stationary truck on a highway in Dahod district of Gujarat on Saturday, police said.

The accident occurred around 2.15am on the Indore-Ahmedabad highway near Limkheda. An official said, "The pilgrims were returning from the Maha Kumbh. Four persons, including a woman, died on the spot, and six others were injured and taken to a hospital."

In Firozabad district of Uttar Pradesh, a 33-year-old man from Rajasthan returning from Maha Kumbh died after a bus he was travelling in caught fire on the Lucknow-Agra expressway on Saturday, police said.

Fire engulfs 7 tents in Kumbh, no casualties

A fire broke out at the storeroom of a camp in the Maha Kumbh Mela area on Saturday evening, gutting seven tents officials said, adding that no one was injured in the incident.

Chief fire officer (Kumbh) Pramod Sharma said the fire broke out at a camp in Sector 19 of the Maha Kumbh area and it engulfed seven tents. "As soon as we received the fire alert, fire-fighting motorcycles reached the spot within two minutes, followed by four fire tender trucks," he said, adding that the cause of the fire was being ascertained.



J Jayalalithaa

JAYALALITHAA'S SEIZED ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO TAMIL NADU GOVT

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CHENNAI: The assets of former Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa — seized in a disproportionate assets (DA) — were handed over to the state government by officials from the Karnataka treasury on Saturday, a day after the Supreme Court dismissed a plea by her legal heir seeking the return of attached properties.

The seized assets included 27.558 kilograms of gold jewellery, 1,116 kilograms of silver, and documents related to 1,526 acres of land, officials said. These valuables were formally transferred to Tamil Nadu government representatives through an in-camera procedure in the presence of the court and treasury officials in Bengaluru.

Tamil Nadu home secretary Dheeraj Kumar told HT that a joint secretary from the state home department was present at Bengaluru's 34th CCH court, which was functioning as the special CBI court, to receive the assets from the treasury officials.

On Friday, the Supreme Court bench of justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma dismissed a plea by her legal heir seeking the return of attached properties, reinforcing that abatement (the technical term for not considering a legal question, in this case because of Jayalalithaa's death in December 2016) does not equate exoneration.

{ PRINCIPAL, HOSTEL IN-CHARGE SUSPENDED }

Kerala nurse body bars 5 students over ragging

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KOCHI: The Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council (KNMC) on Saturday decided to bar the five senior students, who have been arrested for brutal torture and ragging of first-year students at the Government Nursing College in Kottayam, from continuing their studies and enrolling in the nursing programme in the southern state in future. Meanwhile, police said more students have come forward with allegations of ragging on them at the college hostel.

The council observed that the accused — three of them from third-year and two second-year students — are unfit to enrol as nursing students in the southern state in the future, saying it has conveyed its decision to the health department.

"What happened in Kottayam nursing college was extremely heinous. It cannot be justified at any cost. Such accused students must never enter the nursing field in future. It will be a tragedy for the field if such people come in. It's a service field where humanity and empathy accounts for a lot," a KNMC official said, requesting anonymity.

The council said names of the accused will be removed from its registry and directed the college authorities to file a report on the incident as well as furnish details of a similar ragging incident two years ago.

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> **KNMC OFFICIAL**

The council's ruling came soon after the directorate of medical education suspended the nursing college principal Sulekha AT and assistant professor Ajeesh P Mani, who is also the in-charge of the hostel where the incident took place, following a preliminary inquiry.

A statement from the health minister's office last on Friday said the two officials were suspended pending inquiry for allegedly failing to prevent ragging in the hostel and effectively intervene in the matter. A prima facie lapse on their part was found resulting in their suspension, it added.

On February ll, the Gandhinagar police arrested five students — identified as Rahul Raj KP (22), Rijiljith C (21) and Vivek NV (21), all third-year general nursing batch students, and Samuel Johnson (20) and Jeeva NS (19), both second-year students —for brutally ragging six first-year students, following a complaint from the college authorities.

According to the complaint, the accused stripped the victims naked, and subjected to severe physical abuse using dumbbells, including tying them to their private parts, and poking their body with sharp objects like compass and divider.

A police officer on Saturday said that more complainants have come forward with details of ragging on them at the hostel. "Their statements have been recorded," the officer said, declining to be named, adding that police also found weapons like knives and stones inside the hostel room of the senior students during an inspection.

Amid widespread outrage over the incident, videos of the purported torture, which went on for nearly three months starting November last year, also surfaced on social media and were widely circulated this week.

J&K LG removes 3 more govt staffers on 'terror link' charges

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday dismissed three government employees, including a jailed policeman, for their alleged terror links, drawing sharp criticism from the Opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), which termed the move "arbitrary", and chief minister Omar Abdullah questioning the decision, maintaining the law says that "every accused person is innocent until proven guilty" in the court.

Sinha invoked Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution to terminate the services of the three employees — J&K police constable Firdous Ahmad Bhat, teacher in school education department Mohammad Ashraf Bhat and orderly in forest department Nisar Ahmad Khan, who was earlier arrested in connection with the killing of a National Conference minister in 2000.



J&K Lt Guv Manoj Sinha, CM Omar Abdullah

So far, the LG has dismissed around 70 government employees on the charges of terror links since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, including five since the formation of the NC-Congress government in the Union territory.

Officials said Sinha took the decision after investigation by law enforcement and intelligence agencies clearly established the terror links of the three government employees. The development comes close on the heels of two back-to-back security review meetings by the LG in the twin capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu, directing the security agencies to intensify anti-terror operations to neutralise terrorists and terror ecosystem.

Reacting to the development, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti in a post on X said: "Arbitrary and summary dismissals of government employees has become a daily occurrence since 2019. What is perhaps most surprising and puzzling is that it continues unabated despite an elected government in power that had promised to put an end to such practices once in office."

Questioning the dismissal, Abdullah said there "should be a court hearing and if they (dismissed employees) fail to prove their innocence, take whatever action they want." Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function in Katra, the NC leader added: "If such steps are taken without hearing them, the law says that every person accused of any crime is considered innocent until proven guilty."

India needs clear vision to produce new tech, not empty words: Rahul

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has failed to realise that innovations such as drones require a "strong industrial system", saying the country needs a strong production base to build "real industrial prowess" and generate employment for the youth.

Taking a swipe at PM Modi in a post on X, Gandhi said: "Drones have revolutionised warfare, combining batteries, motors and optics to manoeuver and communicate on the battlefield in unprecedented ways. But drones are not just one technology — they are bottom-up innovations produced by a strong industrial system. Unfortunately, PM Modi has failed to grasp this. While he delivers 'teleprompter' speeches on AI, our competitors are mastering new technologies. India needs a strong production base, not empty words."

He added: "India has immense talent, scale and drive. We must have a clear vision and build real industrial prowess to give our youth jobs and lead India into the future."



Screen grab of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi operating a drone. ANI

The leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha also shared a nine-minute video on drone technology in the post and referred to his recent speech in the Lok Sabha, where he talked about new technology.

Using a toy drone manufactured by Chinese company DJI for demonstration, the former Congress president said that drones have completely transformed the way wars are fought.

Stating that the real power lies not just in building the drones, but in controlling the electric motors, batteries, optics (camera) and production machinery behind them, Gandhi said India is not growing in this area.

SIT LIKELY TO PROBE 'LINKS' BETWEEN GAURAV GOGOI'S WIFE AND PAK: CM

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GUWAHATI: Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said that the police is likely to register a case and constitute a special investigation team (SIT) to probe Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's wife's alleged links with Pakistan.

A detailed inquiry, involving the "entire ecosystem and sympathisers", will be carried out as apprehensions are being raised about whether ISI had attempted to infiltrate the chief minister's office (CMO) when Gogoi's father, the late Tarun Gogoi, was heading the state, Sarma added.

The Assam CM shared screenshots of old posts on X by Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, an advisor of the Pakistan Planning Commission and a former colleague of the Congress leader's British wife Elizabeth Colburn, and claimed that the relationship between the Gogois and the Pakistan national appeared to be "deeply rooted".

Earlier this week, the BJP had accused Gogoi's wife of having links with Pakistan and the ISI, a charge rejected by the deputy leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha as "laughable and entertaining".

Army chief pays tribute



Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi pays respect to slain soldiers at the Shaheed Smarak in Noida area of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. SUNIL GHOSH/HT PHOTO

Hyd woman kills son for 'bid to rape aunts'

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CUMBUM (ANDHRA PRADESH): A 57-year-old woman killed her son and dismembered his body into five pieces with the help of relatives allegedly because he attempted to rape his maternal aunts in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh, police said on Saturday.

Superintendent of police (Prakasam) AR Damodar said K Lakshmi Devi allegedly murdered her son, K Shyam Prasad (35), a cleaner, on February 13.

> POLICE SAID THE DECEASED ALLEGEDLY HAD A HISTORY OF MISBEHAVING WITH HIS AUNTS AND OTHER RELATIVES

"Unable to bear her son's perverted and indecent behaviour, she (Lakshmi Devi) killed him," Damodar told news agency PTI, adding that Prasad had also behaved indecently with his aunts and other relatives in Bengaluru, Khammam, and Hyderabad.

He added that Prasad had also allegedly attempted to rape his maternal aunts in Hyderabad and Narasaraopeta areas of Andhra Pradesh.

An official familiar with the matter said that Prasad was murdered using an axe or a sharp weapon.

"Following the murder, his body was cut into five pieces, stuffed into three sacks, and dumped in the Nakalagandi canal in Cumbum village," he said.

He added: "The accused, now on the run, has been booked under sections 103(1) (murder) and 238 (concealing evidence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and police are searching for them."

Authorities have urged people with any information about the accused to come forward as the investigation continues.



Lavoo Suryaji Mamledar

EX-GOA MLA DIES IN K'TAKA MINUTES AFTER ASSAULT BY AUTO DRIVER

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PANAJI: Former Goa legislator Lavoo Suryaji Mamledar died on Saturday afternoon, minutes after he was allegedly assaulted by an auto rickshaw driver following an altercation over a road accident, police said.

According to Belagavi deputy superintendent of police (dySP) Rohan Jagadish, the 68-year-old was struck at least five times by the accused, identified as Shakeel Sanadi, during the scuffle which took place at the parking lot of a hotel. "The former legislator's car brushed against Sanadi's auto on Khade Bazaar road. Sanadi then chased Mamledar to the hotel he was staying in and fatally attacked him at its premises," he said

Quoting eye witnesses, the deputy SP said that Sanadi repeatedly struck Mamledar's face during the scuffle as a result of which the latter collapsed while attempting to walk away from the scene and enter the hotel's lobby.

Following the incident, police arrested Sanadi who was booked under sections 101 (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Mamledar was a member of the Goa assembly, representing the Ponda constituency from 2012 to 2017.

{ GUJARAT }

Have Asiatic lions found a new home?

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AHMEDABAD: Asiatic lions from Gujarat appear to be settling in an unexpected new territory — Diu in the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu — with state forest department officials rescuing two male big cats that had wandered into the coastal town and brought them back to the western state on February 10.

The incident, according to forest officials, is part of a growing trend. Earlier this month, a video of a lion feasting on a wild pig at Nava Bandar village near Diu went viral, highlighting the big cats' movement beyond Gir sanctuary.

"Over the past six months, there have been at least 10 cases of lions being rescued in Diu after complaints from local authorities," Rajdeepsinh Zala, deputy conservator of forests, Gir (East), said.

Diu, an island off Gujarat's southern coast and known as a tourist destination, is separated from the mainland by a tidal creek. While a bridge connects Diu to a village in Gujarat for human access, lions rely on swimming or wading through water passages to reach the island. "The lions are good swimmers, and they cross through narrow stretches of water during low tide from areas like Kesariya, Tad, and Una to reach Diu," Zala explained.



In the past six months, there have been 10 cases of lions being rescued in Diu. HT PHOTO

The Asiatic lion population, once critically low, has rebounded to nearly 700, owing to conservation efforts of several decades. According to the latest census carried out in 2020, there are 674 lions in Gujarat—a 29% increase from the 523 recorded in 2015. Of these, about 300-325 reside within the 1,412 square kilometres of the Gir sanctuary, which includes the 258 sqkm Gir National Park. The remaining lions have expanded beyond the protected area, spreading across several districts of Saurashtra, including Girnar, Mitiyala, and Pania sanctuaries, as well as coastal areas and adjoining regions of Amreli and Bhavnagar districts.

Wildlife biologist and conservationist Ravi Chellam pointed out that capturing wandering lions and taking them back is not the right way of dealing with the root cause. "Long time ago, the Gir protected area exceeded its carrying capacity to hold lions and this means that the wider landscape has to host the growing lions population. Taking the lions into captivity or capturing and releasing them back away from the site of their capture is neither ecologically correct nor will it solve the problem," Chellam added.

With their growing population, lions are now venturing into various parts of Saurashtra, spreading across almost the entire coastal belt. From Bhavnagar in the east to Gir Somnath district in the west, and extending up to Madhupur in Porbandar, the expansion reflects the big cats' adaptability and the success of conservation efforts.

"In the past, there were a few stray incidents where lions accidentally reached Diu but did not settle there," lion researcher Jalpan Rupapara said. "Over the last year, however, there have been several instances where lions not only attempted to reach Diu but also tried to settle themselves there."

Diu has the potential to be a suitable lion habitat due to its vegetation, which supports daytime roosting and breeding, and its adequate prey base, Rupapara said. "However, the area is small, limiting its carrying capacity. Human safety doesn't seem to be a major concern, as Asiatic lions have a history of over three decades of dispersing and thriving outside the Gir sanctuary."

21 FAINT AT KOTA GOVT SCHOOL AFTER 'GAS LEAK'

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JAIPUR: At least 21 people, including 17 students, at a government school in Kota district of Rajasthan fainted on Saturday afternoon due to an alleged gas leak from a private fertiliser factory which shares its boundary with the school, officials said.

According to Kota rural deputy superintendent of police Rajesh Dhaka, the incident took place around lpm when some of the students and staff members at the school started fainting. "Some of them complained of irritation in their eyes and also reportedly vomited before fainting," he said

Police said that 17 students — all of whom are 14-16 years of age — and four teachers were rushed to the hospital.

Dhaka said that leakage of toxic ammonia gas from the fertiliser factory led to the incident. "Prima facie, toxic ammonia gas leaked from a store in the afternoon, which spread across some parts of the school," he said.

Over 300 houses locked in Sambhal since riots

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MEERUT: Over 300 houses in various parts of Sambhal district of Uttar Pradesh have remained locked since November 24, 2024, when violence erupted in the region during a court-ordered survey of the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid, police said on Saturday, adding that authorities are trying to ascertain reasons behind the abandoned residences.

Sambhal superintendent of police (SP) Krishna Kumar Bishnoi said that over a 1,000 people lived in the 300 houses, located in the Kotgarvi, Nakhasa Tiraha and Hindupura Kheda areas of the district. "These people include those who were involved in the violence. Besides, there are many others who chose to leave with their families due to safety concerns," he said.

The SP urged those not involved in the violence to return to their homes, emphasising that innocent individuals will not be harassed. "Innocent ones will be protected and those guilty will not be spared," Bishnoi said, adding that many locked their homes and fled to neighbouring districts and even other states after police began apprehending the accused in the case.



A locked residence in Kotgarvi area of Sambhal. HT PHOTO

On November 24, violence erupted during a court-ordered survey as protesters gathered near the mosque and clashed with police personnel, leading to stone pelting and arson.

Four people died and several others were injured in the clashes, even as police denied allegations of firing at the protesters.

CM bungalow row: CVC orders probe



The bungalow at 6, Flag Staff Road in Civil Lines which Arvind Kejriwal used as his official residence when he was CM. HT ARCHIVE

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NEW DELHI: The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has ordered an investigation into alleged irregularities in the renovation of former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence, marking the latest chapter in a controversy regarded to have played a role in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) being voted out of power.

The probe, ordered on February 14, will examine complaints about the refurbishment of 6, Flag Staff Road — a Public Works Department (PWD) bungalow where Kejriwal resided during his tenure between 2015 and 2024. The investigation follows two complaints filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator Vijender Gupta in October 2024.

"After examination of the factual report regarding your complaint 76218/2024, CVO Central Public Works Department has been advised to conduct a detailed investigation in the matter," the CVC said in its communication to Gupta, seen by HT.

The AAP hit back, alleging that the media was "barred" from inspecting the bungalow in order to hide the fact that no violations took place.

The controversy over the residence, which the BJP branded as "Sheesh Mahal", emerged as a potent political weapon that splintered AAP's armour of incorruptibility. The BJP, which secured a decisive victory by winning 48 of 70 seats, used the renovation scandal alongside other corruption allegations to paint Kejriwal as just another politician — far from the muffler-wrapped technocrat who had captured Delhi's imagination a decade ago.

Gupta, welcoming the probe, accused the former CM of "blatant corruption". "Kejriwal, who came to power swearing that he will not live in a big bungalow and will not use big cars, spent nearly ₹50 crore on the renovation of his official bungalow and fitting it with luxurious appliances and fixtures," he said.

Delhi, unlike other states, does not have a dedicated CM's residence, with previous chief ministers occupying different bungalows. Kejriwal was the only CM to reside at 6, Flag Staff Road.

The investigation adds to mounting pressure on Kejriwal, who suffered a personal setback in the election, losing his own seat to BJP's Parvesh Verma. The Central Bureau of Investigation has already initiated a preliminary inquiry into the same matter.

AAP spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar raised concerns over alleged media restrictions at 6, Flag Staff Road. "If there was any rule violation, why didn't BJP allow the media inside? Because the truth would have been exposed—there is no golden toilet, no swimming pool, and no minibar," she said, referring to talking points used by the BJP to attack the AAP ahead of the Delhi polls.

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No power outages in Delhi: Discoms

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NEW DELHI: Power discoms on Saturday rejected social media posts about electricity supply issues in Delhi as false and misleading, two days after outgoing chief minister Atishi quoted the posts to claim that parts of the city had started witnessing hours-long outages within three days of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory in the assembly elections.

"Certain allegations circulating on social media about power supply issues are false and misleading. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited and BSES Yamuna Power Limited are committed to ensuring reliable power supply to more than 5 million consumers and 20 million residents across south, west, east, and central Delhi. Smart power procurement strategies, including long-term power purchase agreements, banking arrangements with other states, along with a robust distribution network, are ensuring an uninterrupted power supply," the discoms said in a joint statement.

Atishi had made her claims about power cuts on Thursday, after which the BJP's Delhi unit president, Virendra Sachdeva, had written a letter to lieutenant governor VK Saxena urging him to instruct officials not to follow Atishi's "improper" directives and to ask power distribution companies to clarify the situation. The Delhi BJP won 48 of the 70 seats in the Delhi assembly in the results announced on February 8, while the AAP won 22.

AAP loses majority in MCD as 3 councillors shift to BJP

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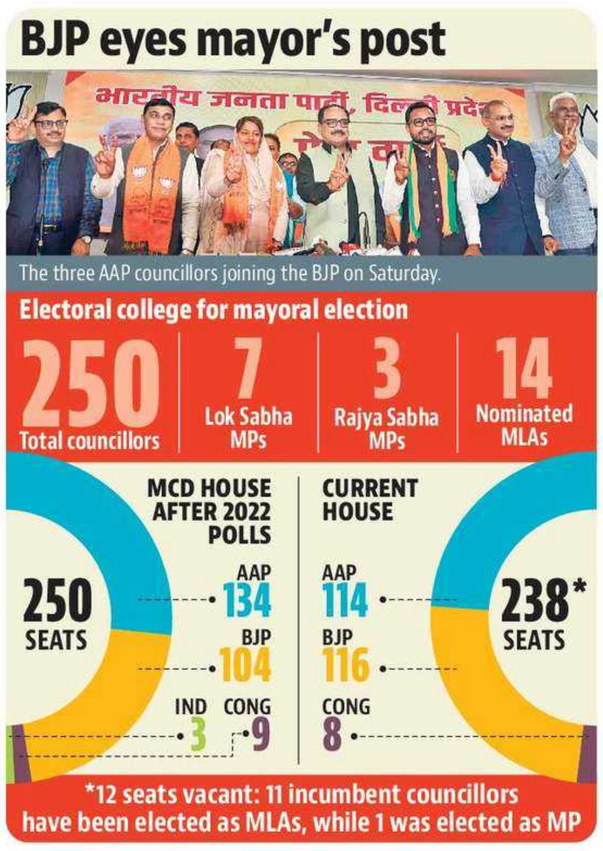
NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday lost its majority in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) house of councillors after three ward representatives switched over to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — the latest in a series of defections dating back to November 2024.

Anita Basoya from the Andrews Ganj ward, along with Nikhil Chaprana (Hari Nagar) and Dharamvir (RK Puram) said they were joining the BJP inspired by the "leadership and vision of development of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

The BJP said the move means the people in Delhi are now talking about a "triple-engine government" in Delhi — at the Centre, the state, and the corporation.

The development — barely a week after the BJP comprehensively defeated the AAP in the Delhi assembly polls — means the BJP has edged ahead in the MCD house with 116 councillors, up from 104 following the MCD polls in December 2022. The AAP's strength is down to 114, compared to the 134 earlier, while the Congress has another eight seats, losing one since 2022. The remaining 12 seats are vacant.

Current mayor Mahesh Kumar is a member of the AAP. The BJP securing a slight majority in the house means little till the end of his tenure in March — MCD mayors can function without the need to prove majority — but with mayoral elections scheduled for April, its advantage BJP.



The electoral college for the mayoral elections comprises 274 members — 250 elected councillors, ten of the Capital's MPs (seven Lok Sabha, three Rajya Sabha) and 14 MLAs nominated by the MCD speaker in the ratio of party's strength in assembly.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva welcomed Basoya, Chaprana, and Dharamvir to the party, and said that the BJP will make the Capital a developed city.

"People have been talking about a double-engine government in Delhi, but now they are talking about a triple-engine government. Together, we have to make Delhi beautiful and developed which can make all residents proud. Those who make offerings in this pious work, will definitely make their life happier along with the people of Delhi. The country is progressing towards a developed India under the leadership of PM Modi, we will also make Delhi a developed city," Sachdeva said.

"Anyone who wishes to see Delhi become a truly developed Capital is making an effort to contribute fully to this movement with the BJP. To build a beautiful and developed Delhi, continuous efforts will be required to complete the stalled development projects of the past ten years and realize the BJP's vision for a progressive Delhi. People who truly wish to see Delhi develop are choosing to align with the BJP because they have been suffering under a decade-long rule of confusion and corruption. Now, they see BJP as the only viable alternative," he said.

Meanwhile, the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in MCD Raja Iqbal Singh on Saturday demanded the resignation of mayor Mahesh Kumar, claiming that Kumar should resign on moral grounds after the AAP lost majority in the MCD House.

"Under the AAP no work is taking place in the MCD. In the days to come, there will be a triple-engine government in Delhi under which the development of the city will take place at a faster pace," Singh said.

The AAP, however, did not respond to HT's request for a comment on the matter.

In the 2022 municipal polls, the AAP won 134 seats, while the BJP got 104 seats, Congress nine, and three seats were Independents.

Suspense over CM post still on, BJP to appoint observers

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NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to appoint observers for holding talks with the newly elected party MLAs as the process to finalise the new chief minister of Delhi, party officials aware of the matter, said. The observers will represent the central leadership of the party in the process to appoint a new CM.

"BJP has a democratic process for the selection of the CM. The central leadership will send observers; the observers will talk to the newly elected MLAs, and then they will convey their feedback to the central leadership. Then the decision on who will be the chief minister will be taken," Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said on Saturday.

Amid the buzz about the yet-to-be announced Delhi CM, the BJP national president and Union minister JP Nadda on Saturday chaired the BJP national general secretary meeting at the party headquarters in Delhi. However, the CM of the Capital is still a suspense as the BJP has not made any announcement.

> The observers will talk to the new MLAs and convey their feedback to central leadership
>
> **VIRENDRA SACHDEVA,** Delhi BJP chief

According to ongoing speculations in the BJP, some names doing the rounds include Parvesh Verma, who defeated former CM Arvind Kejriwal from New Delhi, Shalimar Bagh MLA Rekha Gupta, Vijender Gupta from Rohini, Satish Upadhyay from Malviya Nagar, Ashish Sood in Janakpuri, Pawan Sharma in Uttam Nagar, and Ajay Mahawar from Ghonda, among others.

Meanwhile, Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav questioned the delay in the appointment of the new chief minister. "Due to internal power struggle the BJP has not been able to announce the name of the CM even though a week has passed since the results of the elections," Yadav said.

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Some external factors defaming varsity: JMI

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NEW DELHI: Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) on Saturday said "external elements" were spreading lies about the institution through "misleading and defamatory" messages in an attempt to defame the university amid ongoing protests by a section of students. JMI's statement was in response to allegations by the protesters that it publicised the personal details of students allegedly suspended for participating in protests and defacing university property.

Since February 10, students have been protesting against the suspension of two PhD scholars for allegedly leading an unauthorised protest in December last year. Since the protests began, the number of suspended students has allegedly risen to 17.

"It is a matter of grave concern for JMI that some individuals and anti-social elements have over the last 4-5 days been attempting to defame the university and its students by spreading misleading, defamatory and malicious messages, and fabricated videos on social media and other online platforms," the statement said.

The administration said that it removed the posters immediately and a committee has been set up to investigate the matter.

Meanwhile, the student protesters, backed by the All India Students' Association (AISA), have called for a boycott of classes on Monday, demanding the withdrawal of the suspension orders.

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Doctor says warned to take back assault plaint

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NEW DELHI: A doctor at a government hospital in south Delhi has alleged that she received a threat to withdraw two previous sexual assault cases against another doctor.

According to police, she claimed an unknown caller threatened to shoot her if she did not comply.

An FIR was registered under BNS sections 351(4) (criminal intimidation by anonymous communication) and 232(1) (threatening a person to give false evidence), police said.

The complainant told police she received the call around 9.30am on Friday, they added.

"He took the name of the doctor (accused) and told me to take the cases back... If I don't withdraw, he will shoot me dead. He also hurled abuses at me and said he follows me from my place to the hospital every day. The doctor (accused) paid him to kill me," the FIR states. She said she recorded the call and sought security for herself and her family, officers said.

Police said both the complainant and accused are doctors and that two FIRs were lodged last year, accusing the man of sexual assault.

According to officers aware of the case, the call is being analysed to verify the allegations.

{ DHAULA KUAN }

Flooded underpass stumps agencies

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NEW DELHI: The underpass along the Parade Road near Dhaula Kuan's Manekshaw Centre has remained inundated for the past two months. The fact that there has been no rain during this period has left Public Works Department (PWD) officials puzzled and the source of the leak hasn't been found yet.

PWD officials said that the underpass was developed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and was later handed over to the department for maintenance.

About two months ago, PWD started getting complaints of water filling up in the underpass, but the incidents weren't regular.

"We got to know that water was filling up on only a few days and initially thought that it was intentionally being done by someone. But the frequency has been increasing. We conducted inspections to find if there is any leakage but there was no visible sign," a senior PWD official, aware of the matter, said.



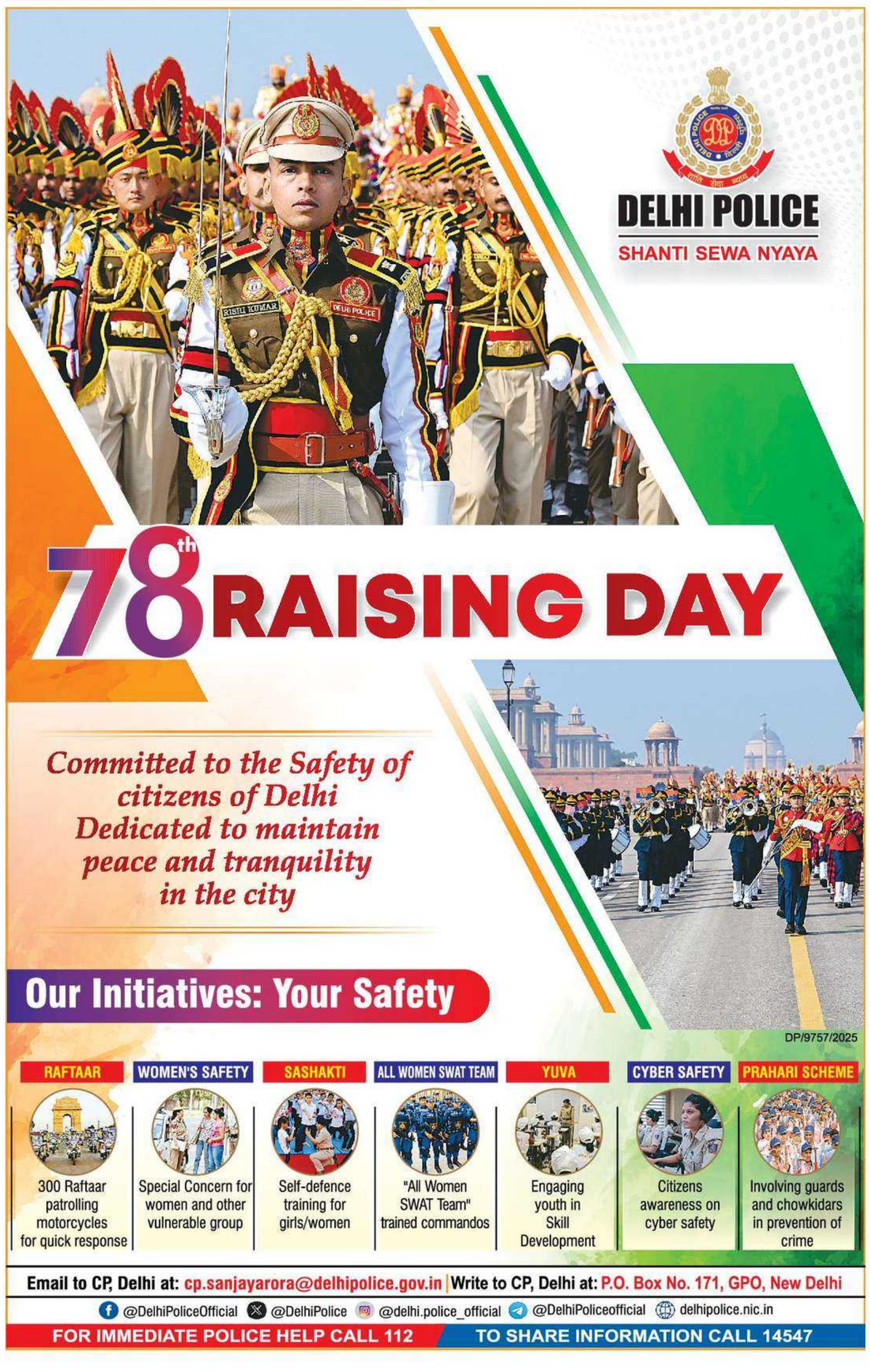
The waterlogged underpass on Saturday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

Water samples were then tested to check the source, which showed the presence of chlorine. Officials said chlorine is present in treated water supplied by Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

"There are two water pipelines passing below the underpass. One is a DJB supply line and another is a Military Engineering Services (MES) pipeline. After testing the water, we informed DJB about the situation and have also conducted joint inspections," the PWD official said.

DJB officials are now reportedly inspecting all sections of the underpass to ascertain where exactly the leakage is. The PWD secretary also visited the area earlier this week to check the status. However, even after the tests, both authorities are still unable to assess the exact source or point of the leakage, the official said.

Officials at the water utility did not respond to HT's request for a comment on the matter.



2 students found dead at Ashoka Univ: Police

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GURUGRAM: Two students studying at Ashoka University in Sonepat, Haryana were found dead at the varsity's campus, police officers said on Saturday, adding that the two deaths do not appear to be linked.

The first student, 20, was from Telangana and was pursuing his undergraduate degree from the university.

The student allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the 10th floor of the university's building on Friday night, police said.

The second student, 19, was a resident of Bengaluru and was found unresponsive near the university's main gate in the early hours of Saturday.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital by the varsity's infirmary team, but was declared dead on arrival.

Police said they received two separate calls from the local government hospital regarding the death of two students — the first at 10pm on Friday, and the second at 2.30am on Saturday.

Officers said inquest proceedings have been initiated under section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

> They were bright students with promising futures ahead of them. They will be remembered as gifted students whose passing away has left the Ashoka community devastated.
> **SOMAK RAYCHAUDHURY,** Vice-chancellor, Ashoka University

Sonipat deputy commissioner of police (crime) Narender Kadiyan said investigators recovered a purported suicide note from the room of the first student.

"In the note, the student purportedly mentioned that he was depressed for the last few months, but did not specify any reason that led to his death," Kadiyan said.

Police are also awaiting the autopsy report to determine the exact cause of the second student's death.

Investigators noted that there were no external injury marks on the body.

"In the second incident, we are not certain whether it is a case of suicide or natural death. The post-mortem will give clarity on the cause of death," the DCP said.

Officers said in both cases, they are recording the statements of students and staff, and are probing the personal, academic, and social aspects of the lives of both students.

Ashoka University vice-chancellor Somak Raychaudhury in a statement assured the varsity's full cooperation with the police investigation and extended condolences to the grieving families.

"Our hearts go out to them [the parents] and we are standing with them in this difficult hour of grief. The Sonipat police are investigating and we are extending all cooperation to them," the statement said.

"They were bright students with promising futures ahead of them. They will be remembered by all as gifted students whose untimely passing away has left the Ashoka community devastated. Student well-being and safety continue to be of paramount importance for Ashoka," the statement added.

Raychaudhury also shared two helpline numbers — 7082000572 and 7082000421 — as well as the email address residencelife@ashoka.edu.in where students in distress can reach out.

Separately, the Ashoka University student government — a body run by students to represent their collective demands to the varsity's authorities — also shared a statement expressing their heartbreak and shock.

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Class 10, 12 board exams begin



Class 10 students outside an examination centre at St Mary's School, Dwarka. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exams for classes 10 and 12 began on Saturday. In Delhi, 331,957 students of Class 10 and 314,612 students of Class 12 will appear for the board exams, to be held across 991 test centres. VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

Delhi govt seeks consultants' info

NEW DELHI: The Delhi government's General Administration Department (GAD) has sought details of all contractual staff in various departments in Delhi, officials said.

Their engagements will be reviewed since those were made by the previous government, said an official. Ahead of the Delhi polls, the BJP promised to give government jobs to 50,000 youths and create self-employment options for 2 million people.

Man held for ₹67L theft in Gzb

GHAZIABAD: A 30-year-old man was held on Saturday for allegedly stealing jewellery and cash worth ₹67 lakh from a businessman's home in Suryanagar on Wednesday, police said, saying his accomplice brother is on the run.

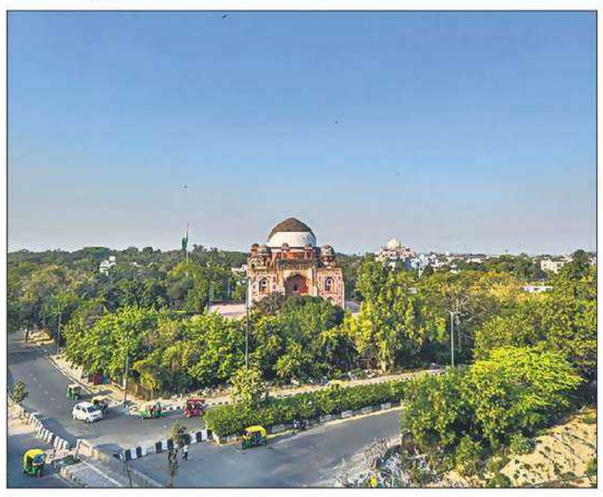
Police identified the nabbed man as Mohd. Rafiq, and his brother as Mohd Jameel, of Shastri Park, Delhi. "Our teams tracked them via electronic surveillance. One of them was held near Rampuri," said ACP Rajneesh Upadhaya of Sahibabad circle, adding that a search for other was on.

3 held for ₹10L Delhi shop theft

NEW DELHI: An e-rickshaw driver and two women have been held by Delhi Police for an alleged burglary of ₹10 lakh at a Sadar Bazar shop last week. Police said the accused posed as beggers and did a recce of shops in morning, and then decamped with valuables at night. Police said more than 150 CCTVs were examined, and seven people were identified, of which three people were arrested.

{ SUNNY DAY } RAIN PREDICTED IN COMING WEEK

Slight drop in minimum, AQI worsens



A cloudless sky above the tomb of Abdul Rahim Khan-e-Khanan on Mathura Road on Saturday. RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

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NEW DELHI: Cold, northwesterly winds coursed through Delhi in the early hours of Saturday, leading to a slight dip in the minimum temperature, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The decrease in mercury also triggered a sharp deterioration in pollution levels, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) said.

AIR WE BREATHE

The Capital recorded a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius (°C) — slightly below the 10.7°C on Friday, and a notch below the normal for this time of the year. However, the mercury climbed considerably through the day, with the city logging a maximum of 28.6°C — and 2 degrees higher than the previous day, and four notches above the normal.

CPCB data showed Delhi's 24-hour average AQI was 191 (moderate) at 4pm on Saturday — a sharp increase from 131 (moderate) at the same time on Friday. The pollution levels are likely to deteriorate to the "poor" zone by Sunday.

IMD has forecast that a drop in wind speeds may led to the maximum hovering around the 29°C-mark in parts of the city over the next couple of days, along with the possibility of mist in the early morning hours.

It has also forecast light rain around February 19 and 20.

PASSENGERS JUMP TICKET BARRIERS AT JAMA MASJID STN, CASE FILED

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NEW DELHI: Several Delhi Metro passengers jumped over the Automated Fare Collection (AFC) gates to exit the Jama Masjid Metro station on the Violet Line on February 13, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said on Saturday.

Based on a complaint from DMRC, the Delhi Police registered a case under sections 221 (obstructing public servant from discharging duty) and 132 (assault on public servant) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 59 (nuisance on metro) of the DMRC Act, police said.

The incident occurred during a surge in passenger traffic when two trains arrived simultaneously at 11.22pm, DMRC said. "Some passengers bypassed the AFC gates. A probe is being conducted," DMRC said on X.

A 59-second video shared on X shows a large number of people rushing towards the exit gates, which results in congestion, to bypass which many of the passengers jump over the gates as others cheer and hoot.

40-year-old man strangles mother to death, arrested

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NEW DELHI: A 40-year-old man allegedly strangled his mother to death at their house in northeast Delhi's Shiv Vihar on Friday night after she refused to give him money, police said on Saturday, adding that the man has been arrested.

According to police, the accused is Sonu (goes by first name only) and the deceased has been identified as Munni Devi, 65. Sonu's 17-year-old daughter returned home from her tuition on Friday at around 8.30pm, when she saw her grandmother lying on the floor, police said, adding that on confronting her father, he told her that he had demanded money from Devi and she refused, so he strangled her.

Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Ashish Kumar Mishra said that at 9pm, the girl called the police and informed them about the murder at her house in Mahalaxmi Enclave in Shiv Vihar.

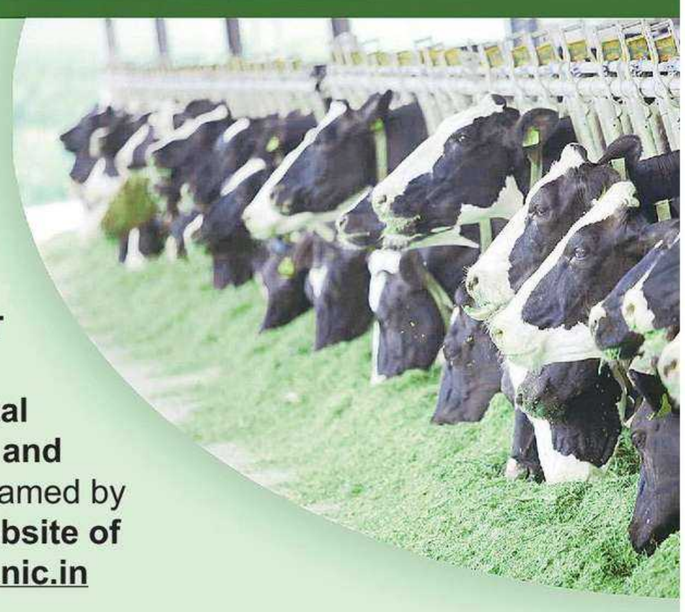
"Sonu's daughter told the police that she returned home after attending her tuition classes around 8.30 pm. As the girl did not find her grandmother, she asked her father about her. Sonu tried to mislead her by saying that she had gone out for some work. However, the girl continued looking for her grandmother in the house and found her lying unconscious on the floor in a room. The girl raised an alarm and informed neighbours and the police," Naina Devi, Sonu's relative, said.

Additional DCP (northeast) Sandeep Lamba said that a case of murder was registered, and Sonu was arrested. Sonu's interrogation revealed that he was a driver by profession but was jobless for the past many years. Police also said that Sonu was a drug addict, and he often had quarrels with his mother for money.

"Since he appeared to be intoxicated, the elderly woman refused to give him money," added Lamba.

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In compliance with order passed by Hon'ble NGT on 20.05.2020 in O.A. No. 46/2018 in the matter of N Jayasimha Vs Govt of NCT of Delhi, CPCB has framed "Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas". The guidelines framed by CPCB **are available at the website of DPCC i.e. on dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in**

Subsequent to the guidelines, the Dairy Farms & Gaushalas have been categorized as Orange and Green Category respectively based on the directions given by CPCB under **Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981** on 10.07.2020. The categorization is available on the DPCC site

In compliance of the orders of Hon'ble High Court in the case in O.A. No. 13236/2022 in the matter of Sunayana Sibal Vs GNCTD, **all gaushalas, the stand alone dairy farms having 15 or above cattle and all the dairies operating in dairy colonies in Delhi (irrespective of the number of cattle), which are registered with MCD, are** hereby directed to immediately apply on-line for Consent under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,1981, as per relevant category, in DPCC **within 15 days from issue of this notice** failing which further necessary action under relevant acts shall be initiated.

Member Secretary (DPCC)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



GEETA

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Geeta, **D/o:** Sh. Radhey Shyam, **R/o:** House No. - 90, Gali No. 06, M-Block, Mohan Garden, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 12 Years, **Height:** 3'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White Colour Shirt, Black Colour Jacket, Black Colour Pant and Hawai Chappal in Feet has been missing/kidnapped from her residence since 28.01.2025. In this regard **FIR No. 70/2025, U/s 137 (2) BNS, Dated: 31.01.2025** has been lodged at **P.S.: Mohan Garden, New Delhi.**

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SONIYA

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Soniya, **D/o:** Sh. Manoj, **R/o:** T-96, East Mahram Nagar, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White Colour Lower & T-Shirt, Red & Black Colour Satol and Slippers in Feet has been missing from her residence since 09.02.2025. In this regard **DD No. 64A, Dated: 09.02.2025** has been lodged at **P.S.: Delhi Cantt., New Delhi.**

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ANGURI DEVI

General Public is hereby informed that one woman **Namely:** Anguri Devi, **W/o:** Sh. Satyanarayan, **R/o:** A-2/67, Pradhan Enclave, Burari, Delhi - 110084, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 90 Years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black Colour Saree with Blue Colur Sweater and Blue Colour Slippers in Feet has been missing from her residence since 29.01.2025. In this regard **DD No. 102A, Dated: 31.01.2025** has been lodged at **P.S.: Burari, Delhi.**

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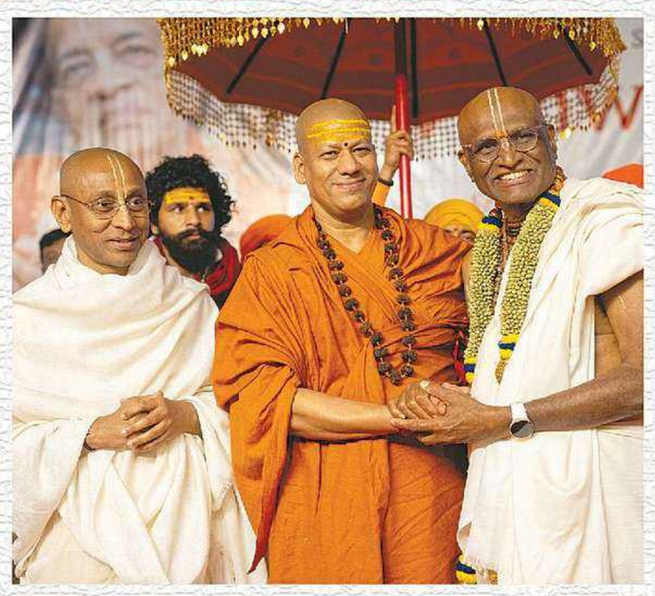
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Deregulation panel to reduce State's role in governance: PM

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NEW DELHI: A day after returning from his two-nation visit to France and the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Union government will constitute a deregulation commission to further reduce the role of the state in all spheres of governance and to promote ease of doing business. Taking a dig at previous governments, Modi said reforms under his administration are driven by "conviction" rather than "compulsion" earlier.

Speaking at the ET Now Global Business Summit 2025, the prime minister said that over the past decade, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government has transformed the "fear of business" into "ease of doing business" through its policies. Listing out examples of reforms such as Goods and Services Tax (GST), Modi pointed out that the government has eliminated hundreds of compliances and is now further reducing compliances through Jan Vishwas 2.0 — a revised version of the Jan Vishwas Act, 2023 aimed at removing archaic provision hindering businesses' growth.

"It is my conviction that there should be less interference of the government in the society. For this, the government is also going to constitute a deregulation commission," he said, adding that the country will work at a new speed during his government's ongoing third term.

The PM also thanked the people of Odisha, Maharashtra, Haryana and New Delhi — all four states voted the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies to power in the recent months — for showing immense support


Narendra Modi

for the commitment to "Viskit Bharat" (developed India).

"Today, be it major nations or global platforms, the confidence in India is stronger than ever," he said, noting that the sentiment was reflected in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit in Paris as well. "Today, India is at the centre of the global future discussions and also leading in some as well."

Talking about various reforms, the Prime Minister said it has been made in property rights by launching Svamitva Yojana, in which land surveys using drones have been completed in over 300,000 villages across the country and over 22.5 million people have received property cards.

"Due to this, the value of these properties to the tune of ₹100 lakh crore has been unlocked in rural areas...previous governments were aware of these intricacies but avoided such challenging tasks," Modi said. "Today we hear that because of these cards, people are getting benefited...people in villages are getting credit access."

He also criticised the previous UPA government saying they were slow in undertaking reform measures. He added that after the BJP-led government came to power in 2014, "a new revolution of reforms started".

"Congress speed of development and Congress speed of corruption, the country was watching...what would have happened if it had continued?" he said.

Due to reform measures in the last decade, the PM said, India became the fifth largest economy in the world. "I am saying this with full responsibility that India will become the third largest economy in the next few years," he added.

Alleging that previous governments brought reforms, if any, only out of "compulsion". "Today, India is doing this kind of reform out of conviction. There used to be no discussions at all earlier that a lot can be changed due to big reforms."

Observing that even after independence remnants of the British era continued to be carried forward in the form of penal code, Modi said with the implementation of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in just 7-8 months, the changes are clearly visible.

'Trade action policy to require cooperation, harmonisation'

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Samanjasa Das, principal chief commissioner of Delhi Customs CBIC, Aruna N Gupta Member, admin and vigilance of CBIC, Surjit Bhujabal, member (customs), and M K Singh member, compliance management, CBIC, during the International Customs Day celebrations in New Delhi on Saturday. ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

NEW DELHI: Hailing the National Trade Facility Action Plan (NTFAP) 2024-2027 approved by the government, Surjit Bhujabal, special secretary and member (customs), said on Saturday that to implement the policy a lot of cooperation will be needed along with synergy between customs operations and "harmonisation" of the logistics infrastructure.

Bhujabal said that as a way forward, there has to be a "seamless global supply chain experience" so that even in the face of disruptions like the Covid-19 pandemic, the supply chains play out "very robustly".

According to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, the NTFAP 2024-2027 aims at reducing logistics costs and boost export competitiveness for becoming "self-reliant" and achieving the goal of becoming a $5 trillion economy within 5 years, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Its goals are to bring down the overall cargo release time for imports and exports, Bhujabal said, speaking on the occasion of the International Customs Day in New Delhi on Saturday. He said the NTFAP is "very ambitious" and emphasised that for seamless service customs officials need to pay attention to the grievances in a bid to understand the "pain points" for smooth trade operations.

"Today also we are concerned about bringing in uniformity in customs and practices...There is so much work to do...One of the critical areas of focus for the government and all of us, and including you (customs officials), is to ensure how to bring uniformity into practices...Synergy of the customs operations and harmonisation of the logistics infrastructure will be the critical focus area and how we going to attain that is the key question," said Bhujabal.

He said a study was carried out by the Asian Development Bank on Delhi's air cargo, and the research showed some gaps. "That document (the ADB research) is engaging the highest minds of the executive on what exactly is the gap and what needs to done to bridge that," said Bhujabal.

BJP sweeps civic body polls in Chhattisgarh

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RAIPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday swept the civic polls in Chhattisgarh, winning all 10 mayoral posts in the state, officials said.

The counting of votes for general elections held in 173 urban bodies, including 10 municipal corporations, 49 municipal councils, and 114 nagar panchayats began on Saturday morning. According to the poll results provided by state election officials, the BJP won mayoral posts in all 10 municipal corporations and the post of chairperson in 35 municipal councils and 81 nagar panchayats.

"Today is a historic day for the BJP as well as the Chhattisgarh government. It will be etched in the political history of Chhattisgarh with golden letters because BJP has registered a historic landslide victory in civic body elections," Chhattiisgarh chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai as he hailed the party's poll performance. "People and voters of Chhattisgarh have shown faith in BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, 'Modi ki Guarantee,' and the development works of the state government, for which I express my gratitude to them and congratulate them."

THE CONGRESS WON THE POST OF CHAIRPERSON IN EIGHT MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND 22 NAGAR PANCHAYATS

Meanwhile, the Congress emerged victorious in the post of chairperson in 8 municipal councils and 22 nagar panchayats, with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) winning the chairperson post in single municipal council and nagar panchayat, respectively.

Scindia hails 5G roll-out, says India will be a $6 trillion economy by 2030

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NEW DELHI: India will be a $6 trillion economy by 2030, Union communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said at an event in the Capital on Saturday.

Scindia said India saw the fastest 5G roll-out in the world due to the efforts made by Indian telcos as he hailed the government for the transformative change in India's economic journey.

"By 2027, we shall be the third largest economy in the world, going ahead of Germany and Japan. We shall be a $5 trillion economy by 2028, a $6 trillion economy by 2030," he said, speaking at the ET Now Global Business Summit 2025.

"For the first time in 17 years after 2007, BSNL has made a net profit for the quarter of October-December 2024," Scindia said. Government has infused about ₹3.04 lakh crore into BSNL, he said. The net profit for the quarter


Jyotiraditya Scindia

was ₹262 crore. The capital infusion in 2021, network expansion, reduction in costs and expenditure led to this, he said.

In FY24, the operating profit was ₹2,100 crore. From April to December 2024, BSNL had an operating profit of ₹2400 crore, he said. "Our loss last year (FY24) was close to ₹5,500 crore. As of Q3 FY24-25, our loss has been narrowed by close to ₹1,800 crore," he said.

While talking about India's readiness for 6G, Scindia said that India has already put together the 6G test bed. The government has also sanctioned about 111 research projects with an outlay of ₹300 crore.

Scindia said that India was only the fifth country in the world to develop its indigenous 4G technology stack. This, he said, was built by the government entity C-DOT, and two private companies Tejas Networks and TCS (the system integrator). "It is being rolled out as we speak. 100,000 sites are being rolled out by BSNL. We have constructed 75,000 sites as we speak in the last six-seven months, of which 60,000 sites have been optimised," he said.

The task of establishing 100,000 4G sites will be completed latest by June 2025, he said. He said that converting these 4G sites to 5G is not that difficult as the same infrastructure needs incremental improvement. "And that is going to give us the solution for 6G," he said. He said that India intends to account for at least 10% of all the 6G patents in the world and is already in the top six nations.

Meta's longest undersea cable to link 5 continents

NEW DELHI: Meta, on Friday, confirmed that it is investing billions in building the world's longest undersea cable to connect five continents. Called Project Waterworth, the 50,000 km long cable will connect India, US, Brazil, South Africa and other "key regions". This project was mentioned in the joint statement released by India and the US during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington on Thursday.

The two countries announced the launch of Indian Ocean Strategic Venture, a "bilateral, whole-of-government forum to advance coordinated investments in economic connectivity and commerce". Under this venture, India intends to invest in maintenance, repair and financing of undersea cables in the Indian Ocean, using trusted vendors.

A Meta spokesperson said: "Meta is investing in India – one of its largest markets – bringing the world's longest, highest capacity and most technologically advanced subsea cable project to connect India, the US, and other locations. This new, multi-billion dollar investment will stretch over 50,000 km to connect five continents, enhancing the scale and reliability of the global digital highways that power Meta's apps and services, and will be ready for service at the end of the decade. Driven by India's growing demand for digital services, this investment reaffirms Meta's commitment to economic growth, resilient infrastructure, and digital inclusion, supporting India's thriving digital landscape and fostering technological innovation." HTC

'RECEIVING DEATH THREATS': YOUTUBER APOLOGISES AGAIN

NEW DELHI: YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia apologised for his controversial remark again on Saturday but said he is receiving death threats.

Allahbadia landed in a major controversy over his comments on parents at a comedy show "India's Got Latent" last Monday, for which he apologised, but has since been booked in several states.

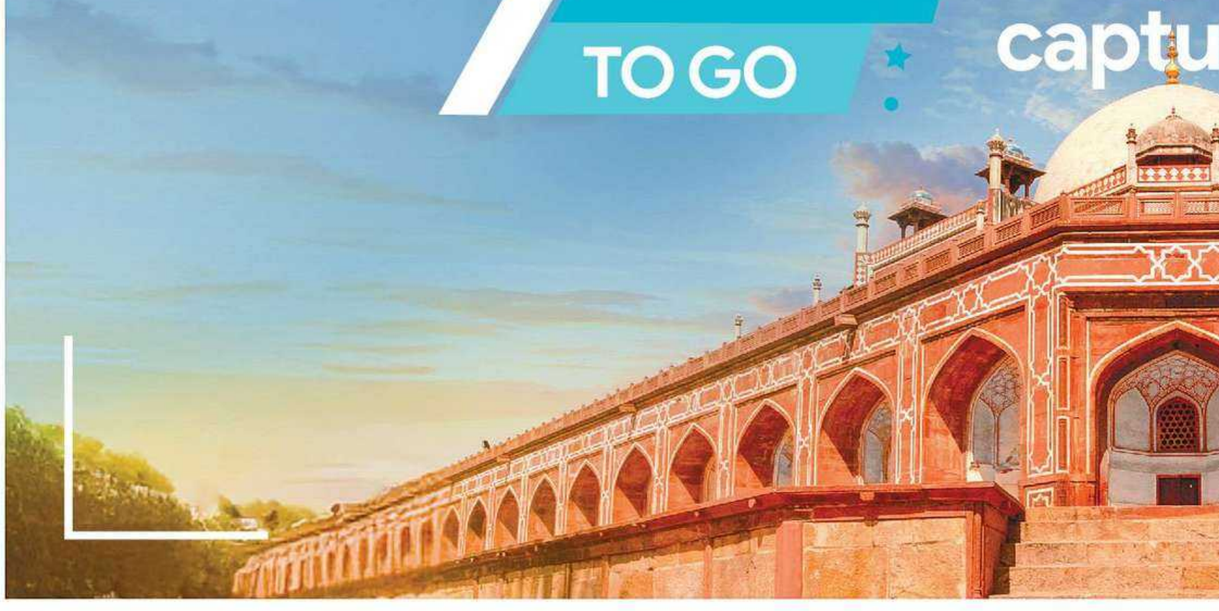
On Saturday, he issued another apology on X, saying: "I will follow due process and be available to all agencies. My remark about parents was insensitive and disrespectful. It is my moral responsibility to do better and I am genuinely sorry. I'm watching death threats pour in from people saying that they want to kill me and hurt my family. People have invaded my mother's clinic posing as patients. I'm feeling scared and I don't know what to do..." PTI

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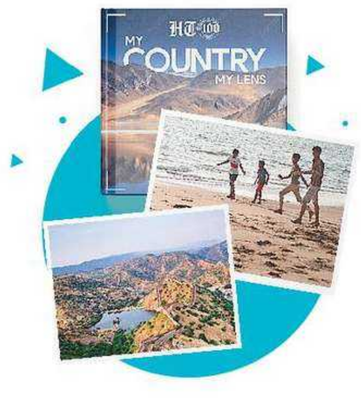
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DELHI STAMPEDE

at platform number 14 and another close the escalator near platform number 16".

Officials at the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital (LNJP) Hospital confirmed at least 15 deaths at the facility.

"Among the people brought in, there are 15 dead, which includes two children, 11 women and two men," said Ritu Saxena, deputy medical superintendent and head of the emergency department at the Lok Nayak Hospital. A senior police officer said that one death was reported at the Lady Hardinge Hospital.

Officials said the stampede took place because one staircase each of Platform 14 and 15 were blocked by railway officials to control the crowd. However, as trains got delayed, more and more passengers got on the staircase.

Officials said both the staircases were filled with people who were pushing each other to either move towards the train or towards the staircase. "This pushing led to many people falling and stampede. Others suffocated as the crowd kept swelling on the platform," an official aware of the matter said on condition of anonymity.

Expressing condolences, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the authorities were extending assistance to the affected. "Distressed by the stampede at New Delhi Railway Station. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured have a speedy recovery," he said in a post on X.

Railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said a high-level inquiry was ordered into the incident. "4 special trains to evacuate this unprecedented sudden rush at NDLS," he posted on X.

Defence minister reached out to the families of the deceased and said: "Devastating news from New Delhi Railway Station. I am extremely pained by the loss of lives due to stampede on Railway platform."

Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena called the inicdent "unfortunate and tragic" and said he has directed the chief secretary and the Delhi Police commissioner to address the situation.

Former Delhi chief minister and senior AAP leader Atishi hit out at the Centre and UP government over the incident.

"Such an incident with the devotees going for Maha Kumbh is very sad. Neither the central government nor the UP government is concerned about the safety of the people," she said.

UKRAINE-RUSSIA

Zelenskiy, speaking as the war triggered by Russia's invasion of his country will soon enter its fourth year.

"Many, many leaders have talked about (a) Europe that needs its own military and army. An army of Europe. And I really believe the time has come, the armed forces of Europe must be created."

He said a European army - which would include Ukraine - was necessary so that the continent's "future depends only on Europeans - and decisions about Europeans are made in Europe".

He continued: "Does America need Europe as a market? Yes. But as an ally? I don't know. For the answer to be yes, Europe needs a single voice, not a dozen different ones."

Trump administration officials have made clear in recent days that they expect European allies in NATO to take primary responsibility for their own defence as the U.S. now had other priorities, such as border security and countering China.

They have also said, however, that they remain committed to the NATO transatlantic military alliance.

"America needs to see where Europe is heading," Zelenskiy said, "and this direction of European policy shouldn't just be promising, it should make America want to stand with a strong Europe."

Trump shocked European allies by calling Putin this week without consulting them beforehand and declaring an immediate start to Ukraine peace talks.

Zelenskiy told the conference that he believed it would be "dangerous" if Trump met Putin before he and Trump meet.

Ukraine has repeatedly said it wants to come together with the United States and Europe to devise a joint strategy before any Trump-Putin meeting.

The Trump administration so far has left the impression among some European allies that it was making concessions to Putin at Ukraine's expense before any negotiations begin, though remarks by some top U.S. officials have raised confusion.

He also warned European leaders that their countries could be next to face a Russian attack.

"If this (Ukraine-Russia) war ends the wrong way, he (Putin) will have a surplus of battle-tested soldiers who know nothing but killing and looting," he said, citing intelligence reports indicating Russia will dispatch troops to close ally Belarus, another neighbour of Ukraine, this summer.

European nations cooperate militarily primarily within NATO but governments have so far rejected various calls for the creation of a single European army over the years, arguing that defence is a matter of national sovereignty.

Zelenskiy argued that Europe building up military strength would be good not only for security but also for the continent's economy. "This isn't just about stockpiling weapons, it's about jobs, technological leadership and economic trends for Europe."

AIR COLLISION

uary 29 crash, in which all 67 aboard the two aircraft were killed,

"That transmission was interrupted -- it was stepped on," she said, leaving them unable to hear the words "pass behind the" because the helicopter's microphone key was pressed at the same moment.

The helicopter pilots may have also missed part of another communication, when the tower said the jet was turning toward a different runway, she said.

Homendy said the helicopter was on a "check" flight that night where the pilot was undergoing an annual test and a test on using night vision goggles. Investigators believe the crew was wearing night vision goggles throughout the flight.

It will take more than a year to get the final NTSB report on the collision, and Homendy warned reporters that many issues were still being probed.

"We're only a couple weeks out," from the crash, she said. "We have a lot of work to do."

The collision was the deadliest plane crash in the U.S. since 2001, when a jet slammed into a New York City neighborhood just after takeoff, killing all 260 people on board and five more on the ground.

William Waldock, professor of safety science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, said stepped-on transmissions — where a pressed microphone key blocks incoming communication — is a well-known problem in aviation.

"It's an old story and it's one of the problems oftentimes with radio communications," he said.

It's unclear, though, if that led to the crash.

Retired airline pilot John Cox, CEO of the aviation safety consulting firm Safety Operating Systems, said the helicopter's pilots had accepted responsibility to avoid the plane two minutes earlier when they asked for and received permission to maintain "visual separation" with the jet — allowing it to fly closer than otherwise may have been allowed if the pilots didn't see the plane.

"At that moment, the helicopter becomes responsible for separation, period. He accepts the responsibility of staying clear of the other aircraft," Cox said. If the helicopter pilots suspected they had missed any crucial information from the tower, they could have asked for it to be repeated.

Serious questions have yet to be answered about the helicopter's altimeters.

The collision likely occurred at an altitude just under 300 feet (91 meters), as the plane descended toward the helicopter, which was well above its 200-foot (61-meter) limit for that location.

Cockpit conversations a few minutes before the crash indicated conflicting altitude data, Homendy said, with the helicopter's pilot calling out that they were then at 300 feet (91 meters), but the instructor pilot saying they were at 400 feet (122 meters), Homendy said.

"We are looking at the possibility there may be bad data," she said.

That generation of Black Hawks typically has two types of altimeters — one relying on barometric pressure and the other on radio frequency signals bounced off the ground. Helicopter pilots typically rely on barometric readings while flying, but the helicopter's black box captures its radio altitude.

The radio altitude at the time of the impact put the Black Hawk at 278 feet (85 meters), Homendy said.

"But I want to caution, that does not mean that's what the Black Hawk crew was seeing on the barometric altimeters in the cockpit," she said.

Waldock said the helicopter pilots, with their night vision goggles interfering with their peripheral vision, may have wrongly focused on a plane that took off just before the collision.

"If they did indeed lock onto that departing airplane and assume that's the traffic they were supposed to be avoiding, they didn't see the other airplane coming," he said.

The jet also angled sharply upward in the last second before impact, Homendy said.

Waldock and Cox both saw that as a clear evasive maneuver by the American Airlines pilot.

"It's a last ditch attempt to escape," said Waldock.

The Army has said the Black Hawk crew was highly experienced, and accustomed to the crowded skies around the nation's capital.

The Army identified the crew as Capt. Rebecca M. Lobach of Durham, North Carolina; Staff Sgt. Ryan Austin O'Hara, 28, of Lilburn, Georgia; and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Loyd Eaves, 39, of Great Mills, Maryland. O'Hara was the crew chief and Eaves and Lobach were pilots.

Lobach's friends and fellow soldiers called her deeply meticulous, "brilliant and fearless."

The American Airlines jet, which was flying from Wichita, Kansas, and preparing to land at the time of the crash, was piloted by 34-year-old Jonathan Campos, whose relatives said he had dreamed of flying since he was 3.

The jet's passengers ranged from a group of hunters to students and parents from northern Virginia schools to members of the Skating Club of Boston. They were returning from a development camp for elite junior skaters that followed the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Wichita.

Almost immediately after the crash, President Donald Trump publicly faulted the helicopter for flying too high. He also blamed federal diversity and inclusion efforts, particularly regarding air traffic controllers. When pressed by reporters, the president could not back up those claims. A few days later, Trump placed the blame on what he called an "obsolete" air traffic control system.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Pop quiz: Were you in the mood for love or news?

Controversial and surreal art. A millionaire quits a podcast. Another gone goes on tour. Billionaires galore. A lyrical feud and feline felon. It's been a busy week. Get cracking



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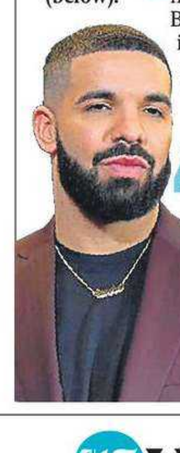
Asia's largest military aviation exhibition took place at the Yelahanka Airbase, in which city?
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1 Christie's announced the first auction of its kind. 20 lots trace the evolution of art and technology. The "artists" didn't draw, etch, sketch, paint or sculpt any of the works. They used prompts. Other artists are calling for Christie's to cancel the sale. What kind of art?

2 Protests erupted when a 250g chunk of mutton was found inside a Shiva temple at Tappachabutra in Hyderabad. An investigation of CCTV footage revealed a curious culprit. A feline felon. Four legs. Nine lives. Who placed the piece of meat there?

3 Hundreds of billions are produced every year. Most end up in the sea. In 2015, researchers found one in the nostril of an olive ridley sea turtle. Biden pushed to phase it out. Trump is bringing it back, because the paper alternative "disgustingly dissolves". What?

Name the rapper who's in an ongoing feud with Drake (below).



4 American anti-ageing influencer Bryan Jonson exited Nikhil Kamath's podcast early. He wore a mask, brought his own air purifier and recorded at a five-star hotel. But when PM2.5 levels hit 75 micrograms per cubic metre, he left. What caused him to leave?

5 This drink originated in Taiwan in the '80s. It reached the US in the '90s. Boba Bhai, Dr Bubbles and Frozen Bottle sell it in India. Flavoured milk. Tapioca pearls. Hong Kong's Yun'an Wang became a billionaire selling it. What is it?

6 Roaring jets, sky divers, Surya Kirans, women pilots on the Rafale, Su-30MKI planes, and more. Asia's largest military aviation exhibition took place at the Yelahanka Airbase. In which city? Hint: German pilots missed it because they got stuck in traffic.

7 He never visited India, but designed an ashtray for Air India. A new exhibition in Delhi brings over his works for the first time. Flower Woman at the Piano, etchings from Victoria Memorial Hall will be on display. The Persistence of Memory will not. Two syllables. Who?

8 Meta owns Facebook. Alphabet owns Google. Eternal is now the parent company of which food delivery app? It was founded in 2008. It sounds like a ketchup ingredient. It acquired Blinkit in 2022 for half a billion dollars. Think red and give the name.

9 Mr Duckworth just won the Grammy Record of the Year, crushed the Super Bowl halftime show, and just recorded the title track for Marvel's Captain America: Brave New World. Which American rapper has a running feud with Drake?

10 He's not an unwinding and rewinding toy, bees don't make him, but he does sing. This musician's Millionaire India tour starts today. Get ready to Party With The Bhoothnath. He's an International Villager. Whom do we better know Hirdesh Singh as?

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HT Homage

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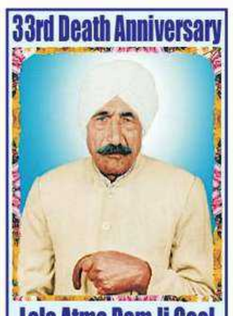
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RAJ PLANNING TO BRING DRESS CODE FOR ALL TEACHERS

JAIPUR: BJP government is planning to introduce a dress code for teachers in state's schools, officials familiar with the matter said on Saturday.

An official from the office of state education minister Madan Dilawar said, "The minister is serious about ensuring a positive environment for the students in the classrooms so that they learn proper values and cultures in life. As part of this, the department is planning to implement a uniform dress code for all school teachers so that they don't arrive in the premises with any casual outfit that also often leaves a bad impact on students."The plan for a dress code comes months after Dilawar sparked controversial remarks on teachers' attire being a bad influence on students.

Rajasthan Primary and Secondary Teacher's Association president Vipin Prakash said, "The minister's comment is extremely disrespectful to teachers. While minister's focus is on our dress, the schools are running with a bunch of vacancies affecting education. He should focus on reforming such gaps rather than putting bizarre restrictions on the teachers." HTC

THREE OF FAMILY FOUND DEAD IN HOUSE IN ODISHA

BHUBANESWAR: A 70-year-old retired railways employee, his 40-year-old daughter and 16-year-old grandson were found dead inside their house in Dhenkanal district, police said on Saturday.

Police said that the man's wife, who had been away at her son's place for the last three days, found the bodies after she returned home. Purna Chandra Rout, the additional inspector-in-charge of Dhenkanal Sadar police station said the man's wife informed the cops about the incident.

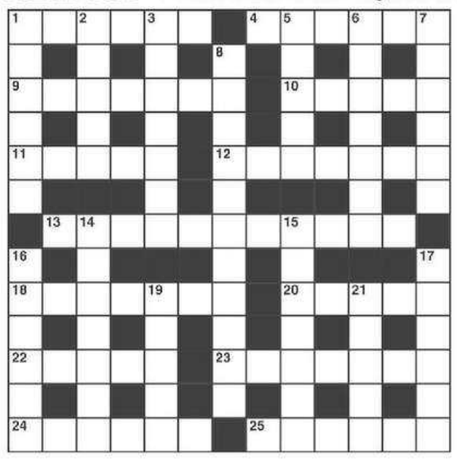
"She told us that she found the house locked from the inside, leading to the discovery. The cause of death is yet to be determined, and it is unclear whether it is a case of murder or suicide," said Rout. HTC

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CRYPTIC CLUES

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ACROSS
1 Create goodwill by being close to the listener (6)
4 Puts pressure on the men who sail in a ship (6)
9 Makeshift draught-excluder? (7)
10 Tina returns with a new name (5)
11 Provide proper directions first (5)
12 Put down to do more evening work? (7)
13 Finishes - a sentence (4,1,4,2)
18 I'm close to danger and put in jeopardy (7)
20 Refuse to get thin (5)
22 Weary; tried a new way (5)
23 The two signs of hesitation seen in troubles (7)
24 Don's fine port? (6)
25 Gradually descend to procrastination? (6)

DOWN
1 Teresa is out for the holiday (6)
2 Odd or strange Dickensian surname (5)
3 Their bank accounts are often misleading (7)
5 He holds a title briefly (5)
6 It's obvious I've turned up to make an impression (7)
7 A press reform that is not generally found (6)
8 Groups that promote diversionary activities (6,5)
14 Court officials chaired on high (7)
15 Looking out for a situation for the hands? (2,5)
16 More suitable for one on the assembly line (6)
17 Tenant not having so many points (6)
19 A source of pleasure or aid perhaps (5)
21 It can be entrancing for a while (5)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS
1 Incorporate (6)
4 Slanted (6)
9 A bookbinding leather (7)
10 A look of displeasure (5)
11 General tendency (5)
12 Hearing range (7)
13 Literally (4,3,4)
18 Reasoning correctly (7)
20 Disproportionate (5)
22 To express (5)
23 Matrimony (7)
24 Kindly feeling (6)
25 To lower dignity of (6)

DOWN
1 Hostility (6)
2 A flat-bottomed canal boat (5)
3 Unquestionable (7)
5 Deduce (5)
6 Suffocate (7)
7 Signify (6)
8 Start fighting (4,2,5)
14 In progress (7)
15 Aspiring (5-2)
16 A pasture plant (6)
17 Compute by calculation (6)
19 Approve (5)
21 Deep monotonous sound (5)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS (17096)

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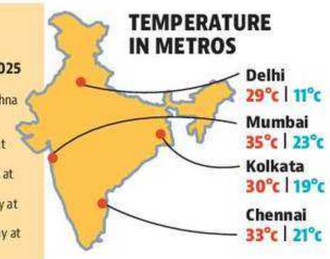
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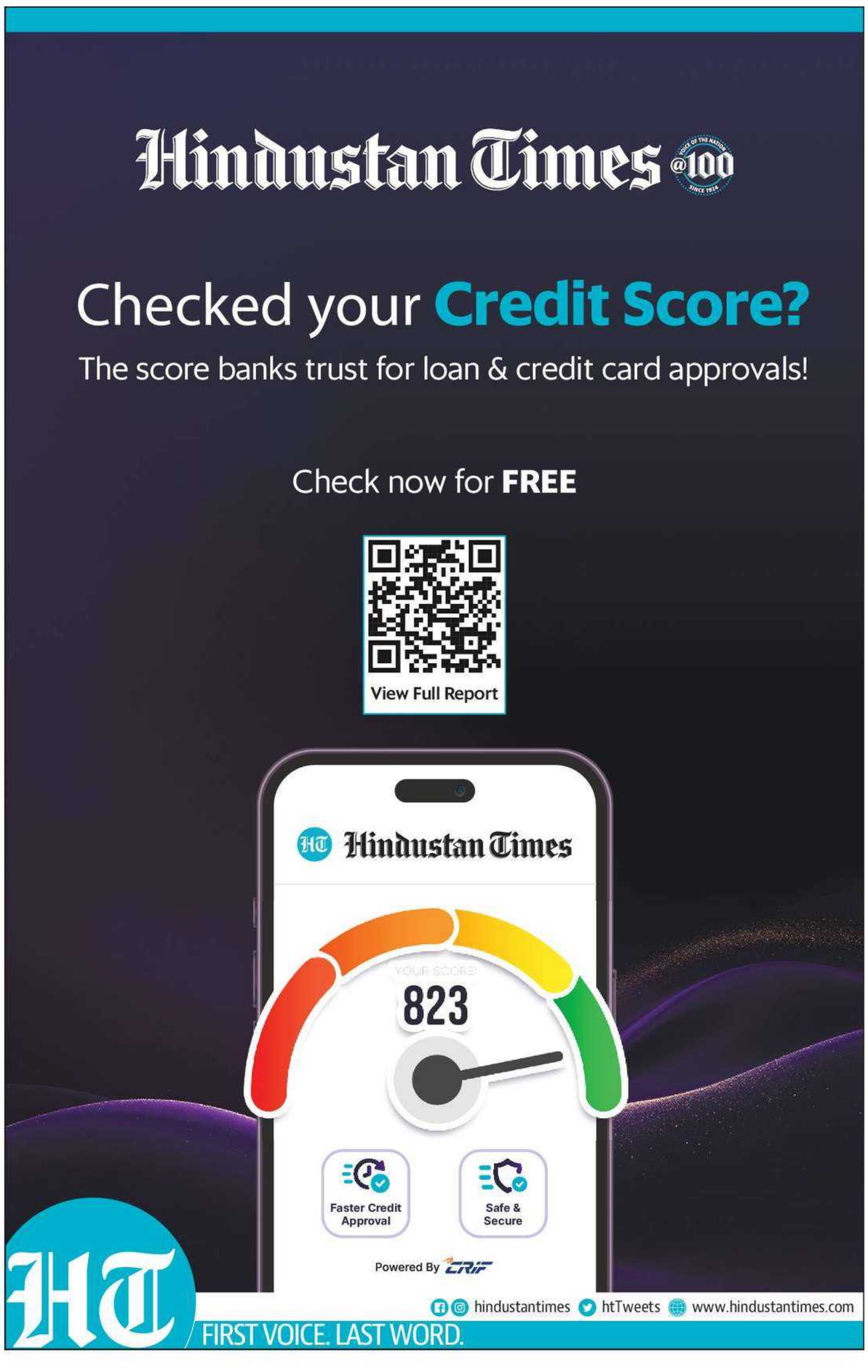
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PUNJAB CRICKET ASSOCIATION
PCA, New International Cricket Stadium, New Chandigarh, Punjab

Date: 16.02.2025

Punjab Cricket Association invites Quotations/Bids for purchase of SG Cricket Balls. The detailed terms and conditions are available on the official Website of Punjab Cricket Association i.e. www.cricketpunjab.in. The interested parties may refer the same.
The Last Date for Submission of Bids is 24th February, 2025 (Monday) by 5:00 p.m.

sd/-
Deputy CEO



CAUTION NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF
PATHWAYS RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED ("PATHWAYS")

PATHWAYS RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN: U15100DL2015PTC278752), having its registered office at Khasra No. 136/2, 2nd Floor, Near SBI Rithala Road, North Delhi – Delhi 110042 and corporate office at 6th Floor, Unit Nos. 630 & 631, Tower A-2, Spaze I Tech Park, Sohna Road, Sector – 49, Gurugram, Haryana – 122 018, has breached its payment obligations to our client i.e., **Symphony Limited**, **("Symphony")**, Ahmedabad for the supplies received by it;

Criminal proceedings have been initiated by Symphony against **PATHWAYS**, its group company Losung E Services Private Limited **("LOSUNG")** (CIN: U74999HR2018PTC73823) and its directors and other individuals connected therewith, being **(i) Sandeep Singh Bindra, (ii) Charandeep Singh Kapoor, (iii) Ranjit Kaur Kapoor, (iv) Ramalpreet Kaur Bindra, (v) Amit Kumar Yadav** and **(vi) Jagir Singh Bindra ("Individuals")** which proceedings are pending before the Courts at Gujarat;

PATHWAYS, Losung, Individuals, Jasbir Kaur Bindra and Jasvinder Singh Kapoor, (cumulatively, the **"Signatories"**) have acknowledged indebtedness of **PATHWAYS** to Symphony, inter alia, by Settlement Agreement dated 10.12.2024 **("Settlement Agreement ")** and committed, inter alia, to pay to Symphony an amount of INR 58,33,52,938/- within a time bound schedule provided therein, to pay interest at 18% p.a. for failure to adhere to the payment schedule and have further undertaken that Symphony can create first/second mortgage over the properties described hereinbelow at Schedule A and B (collectively the **"Properties"**) and also be entitled to sell the Properties from 91st day of the execution of the Settlement Agreement;

The Signatories have already breached the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement by, inter alia, failing to pay the agreed outstanding to Symphony within the time schedule provided therein;

Symphony filed Form No. CHG-1 for creation of charges over properties described at Schedule - A hereunder on 09.01.2025; The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has on 12.02.2025 registered charges in favor of Symphony in respect to properties at Schedule - A hereunder (First charge in respect to property at serial no. 1 and Second charge in respect to properties at serial no. 2 to 6, of Schedule - A).

The General Public is hereby warned not to enter into any transactions in respect to Properties described below and any transaction if entered, shall be subject to the prior rights of Symphony. Symphony reserves the right to challenge any and all transactions in respect to the Properties mentioned in the Schedules below :

Properties Schedule – A
Description of the Immovable Properties of Pathways

1. All those pieces or parcels of the land, hereditaments and **premises admeasuring about 1.2375 acres** equivalent to 9 Kanal 18 Marla situated in the revenue state of **village Babra Bakipur, Tehsil Farrukh Nagar, District Gurugram, Haryana,** fully, detailed and described in the table below:

Sr. No.	Khewat/ Khata No.	Rect No.	Killa No.	Share	Area	
					Kanal	Marla
1.	330/352	30	3/2 (4-0)	Full	4	0
2.	370/406	30	4/1 (5-18)	Full	5	18
			TOTAL		9	18

Sr. No.	Name of the Asset	Area
1.	Land	9 Kanal 18 Marla or 1.2375 Acres

2. All those pieces or parcels of the land, hereditaments and **premises admeasuring about 17.265 acres** equivalent to 138 Kanal 12 Marla situated in the revenue state of **village Babra Bakipur, Tehsil Farrukh Nagar, District Gurugram, Haryana,** fully, detailed and described in the table below:

Sr.No.	Khewat / Khata No.	Rect No.	Killa No.	Share	Area	
					Kanal	Marla
1.	370/406 min	19	16/1(4-0), 16/2 (3-4), 18/1 (4-8), 23/2 (1-14), 24(7-11), 25 (6-16)	Full	27	13
2.	244/254	19	1/2 (2-8),9/2 (4-16), 10/1(2-8), 11/2(2-8),12/1(4-4),12/2(3-16), 18/2(3-12),19/1(3-15),19/2(3-19), 19/3(0-6),20/1/1/1(2-2)	Full	33	14
3.	138/144 & 145	12,19	12/21(0-1), 22/1(2-14), 19/2(1-0)	Full	3	15
4.	141/149	19	2/2/1(6-10), 4/2(2-4), 5(7-4), 6/1/1/(1-1), 6/1/2 (1-19), 6/2/1(1-9), 6/2/2(2-15), 15(7-4)	Full	30	6
5.	275/278	19	17(8-0)	Full	8	0
6.	108/113	19	7/1(7-4), 7/2(0-16), 8/1(7-4), 8/2 (0-16), 9/1(3-4), 13(8-0), 14/1(4-0), 14/2(4-0)	Full	35	4
			TOTAL		138	12

Sr. No.	Name of the Asset	Area
1.	Land	138 Kanal 12 Marla or 17.265 Acres
2.	Building / Warehouse	7590.75 Sq.Mtrs. or 81698.76 Sq.Ft

3. All those pieces or parcels of the land, hereditaments and **premises admeasuring about 3.09375 acres** equivalent to 24 Kanal 15 Marla situated in the revenue state of **village Babra Bakipur, Tehsil Farrukh Nagar, District Gurugram, Haryana,** fully, detailed and described in the table below

Sr. No.	Khewat/ Khata No.	Rect No.	Killa No.	Share	Area	
					Kanal	Marla
1.	370/406	18	21/1 (1-8), 21/2 (6-8)	Full	7	16
2.	382/418	31	10/2 (2-16)	27/28 share	2	14
3.	381/417	31	1/1 (2-16), 1/2(5-4), 10/1/1(5-2), 11/1/1/1(0-16), 11/1/2/1(0-7)	Full	14	5
			TOTAL		24	15

Sr. No.	Name of the Asset	Area
1.	Land	24 Kanal 15 Marla or 3.09375 Acres

4. All the rights, title, interest, benefits and claims in respect of, the **office premises nos. 631, 630, 628, 627, 626, 625-A, 625, 624, 619, 640-C, 640-B, 640-A, 639, 638, 637-B, 637-A, 641, 642, 643, 643-A, Tower A2, Floor 6, Spaze 1 Tech Park, Sector 49, Gurgaon, Haryana.**

5. All the rights, title, interest, benefits and claims in respect of property situated at **Plot No. 2A, 5th Floor, District Centre, Bhikaji Cama Centre, New Delhi.**

6. All the rights, title, interest, benefits and claims of in respect of property admeasuring 7384.98 sq. ft. and situated at Commercial **office no. 6 on Sixth Floor, Built on Plot No. 2A, 6th Floor, District Centre, Bhikaji Cama Centre, New Delhi.**

Schedule – B
Description of the Immovable Property of other signatories to the Settlement Agreement

Sr. No.	Particulars of the Asset	Owner's Name
1.	Spaze 1 Office, 610-618, 6th floor, Tower A, Spaze i-Tech park, Sector 49, Sohna road, Gurugram, Haryana	**Ramalpreet Kaur**
2.	Residential -Plot No M 4 18, Qutab Enclave Complex, DLF City Phase 2, Gurugram, Haryana	**Jasbir Kaur Bindra**
3.	Vipul World, C-69, third floor, Vipul World, Sector 48, Sohna Road, Gurugram, Haryana	**Jagir Singh /Ramalpreet Kaur (joint property)**
4.	Vipul World, D-14, Second Floor, Vipul World, Sector 48, Sohna Road, Gurugram, Haryana	**Jasvinder Singh Kapoor**
5.	Sushant Lok-3, G312A, Sushant Lok -3, Gurugram, Haryana	**Ranjit Kaur Kapoor**
6.	DLF Grove, B15/28C,3rd Floor, DLF phase 5, Gurugram, Haryana	**Jasbir Kaur /Ramalpreet Kaur/ Sandeep Singh Bindra**
7.	Plot No M-3, M2k Harmony, Dharuhera, Haryana	**Ranjit Kaur Kapoor**

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Sandstone Crest, Opposite Park Plaza Hotel
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Place: Haryana / Delhi
Date : 14.02.2025

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 11th February, 2025

S.O. 708(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **4081 Dated:19/09/2024** , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH 509 in the stretch of land from Km. 60 to Km. 65 (Collectrate Agra) in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Hindustan " and "Hindustan Times" both dated 04/10/2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH 509 in the stretch of land from Km. 60 to Km. 65 (Collectrate Agra) in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.

[F. No. 26031/4L AGRA-ALIGARH/3D]

ABHAY JAIN, Director

District:Agra
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Note : The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of CALA/PIU/PMU/RO/ED and Landowners may also see the notification there.

कार्यालय खण्ड विकास अधिकारी, गंगीरी (अलीगढ़)

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2	टण्डोली में चन्द्रकिशोर के प्लाट से रामबाबू के प्लाट तक नाली व सीसी निर्माण कार्य।	200 मी0	9.96	20000	1000	300	3 माह
3	सिखरना में भगवन्त डीलर के घर से सियाराम के खेत तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	150 मी0	3.63	7500	500	300	3 माह
4	कसेर में मैया नगला से **गौशाला** रोड तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.91	20000	1000	300	3 माह
5	बसैली में सरकारी स्कूल के पीछे से चुन्नीलाल के खेत तक परिक्रमा मार्ग पर नाली व इण्टरलांकिग निर्माण कार्य।	175 मी0	9.78	20000	1000	300	3 माह
6	मोहकमपुर में राजपाल के खेत से रिसीपाल के खेत तक मार्ग पर नाली व इण्टरलाक निर्माण कार्य।	150 मी0	8.40	17000	1000	300	3 माह
7	बूढागांव से नगला हिमांचल तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.89	20000	1000	300	3 माह
8	जरैठ में मैन रोड से खडंजा तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	150 मी0	3.68	8000	500	300	3 माह
9	राजमउ में नगला ढक से भुडिया गाजरा कसेर तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.97	20000	1000	300	3 माह
10	बिलौना के नगला चुम्मेर में भीकनपुर मल्लई मार्ग से तिराहे तक सी0सी0 निर्माण कार्य।	205 मी0	9.56	20000	1000	300	3 माह
11	बरला में कोलिया नगला से कब्रिस्तान तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	250 मी0	5.96	12000	1000	300	3 माह
12	नाह में पथवारी से बडे तालाब तक माग्र पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.87	20000	1000	300	3 माह
13	ग्राम पंचायत काकाबेगपुर में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
14	ग्राम पंचायत मउपुर बहादरपुर में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
15	ग्राम पंचायत बौनई में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
16	ग्राम पंचायत बूढागांव में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
17	ग्राम पंचायत भाय में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
18	ग्राम पंचायत कासिमपुर में शवदाह गृह निर्माण कार्य ।	1 इकाई	2.58	6000	500	300	3 माह
19	खेल मैदान निर्माण कार्य।	1 इकाई	4.76	10000	500	300	3 माह
	15 वॉ वित्त आयोग टाइड फण्ड						
20	चितकुरा में लेखराज के घर से साहबसिंह के घर तक यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	285 मी0	9.92	20000	1000	300	3 माह
21	सलगवां में पंजाब **नेशनल** बैंक से छरा सांकरा रोड तक यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	300 मी0	9.94	20000	1000	300	3 माह
22	धनसारी में कासगज रोड से जजाथल छोइया की पुलिया तक नाला निर्माण कार्य।	190 मी0	9.91	20000	1000	300	3 माह
23	छबीलपुर में **शिव** मंदिर से अमृत सरोवर तक यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	150 मी0	5.46	12000	1000	300	3 माह
24	मोहकमपुर में राजपाल के खेत से रिशीपाल के खेत तक दौनों ओर यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	180 मी0	8.67	18000	1000	300	3 माह
25	काका से नहर तक यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	260 मी0	9.33	20000	1000	300	3 माह
26	आजादपुर में **शिवचरन** की दुकान से **अशोक** के खेत तक यू टाइप नाला निर्माण कार्य।	290 मी0	9.86	20000	1000	300	3 माह
	15 वॉ वित्त आयोग अनटाइड फण्ड						
27	बैजना में सी0सी0रोड से पहलवान की समर तक सी0सी0 रोड निर्माण कार्य।	200 मी0	9.95	20000	1000	300	3 माह
28	अलहलादपुर में पंचायत घर से कुन्दन के खेत तक मार्ग पर मिटटी प खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.99	20000	1000	300	3 माह
29	काकाबेगपुर में विजयपाल के खेत से बंजारा नगला तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.87	20000	1000	300	3 माह
30	नाह में होली से बाईपास मार्ग पर पानी की टंकी तक मार्ग पर नाली व इण्टरलाक निर्माण काय।	100 मी0	5.58	12000	1000	300	3 माह
31	पुरैनी इस्माइलपुर में श्रीनिवास सिंह खेत से सरकारी स्कूल तक माग्र पर मिटटी व खडंजा निर्माण कार्य।	420 मी0	9.92	20000	1000	300	3 माह
32	आलमपुर जिरौली रोड से नगला लाले तलूरी सिह उच्च माध्यमिक विद्यालय तक मार्ग पर मिटटी व खडंजा कार्य।	250 मी0	6.02	13000	1000	300	3 माह

1–निविदा प्रपत्र कार्यालय दिवस में कार्यालय समय में निर्धारित दिनांक 27.02.2025 से निविदा मूल्य देकर दिनांक 01.03.2025 को सांय 03.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। 2–धरोहर राशि 2 प्रतिशत की दर से निविदा डालने के समय एन0एस0सी0/एफ0डी0आर0 के रूप में जमा की जायेगी जो ख0वि0अ0 गंगीरी के पक्ष में बन्धक होगी। 3–नियमानुसार विलों के भुगतान पर समय–समय पर जी0एस0टी0, आयकर, सेस, रायल्टी अन्य कटौतियॉ निर्धारित मानक के अनुसार की जायेगी। 4–निर्माण कार्य पी0डब्ल्यूडी0 की विशिष्टियों के अनुरूप होगा एवं निर्माण सामग्री उच्च गुणवत्ता की मान्य होगी। 5–निविदा बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी में निहित होगा। 6– जगानत 8 प्रतिशत भुगतान के समय बिल में से कटौती की जायेगी जो कुल लागत की 10 प्रतिशत होगी। 7–शर्ते निविदायें स्वीकार नहीं होगी। 8–समय–समय पर लागू नियम एवं शर्तें लागू रहेंगी। 9–उपरोक्त कार्यों की वास्तविक लागत, तकनीकी स्वीकृति से आगणित की जायेगी। जो उपरोक्त सन्दर्भित लागत से कम या ज्यादा हो सकती हैं। 10–उपरोक्त कार्यों का अनुबन्ध धन की उपलब्धता के अनुसार किया जायेगा। 11–कार्य के सम्बन्ध मे एवं अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी अवर अभियन्ता ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, गंगीरी से किसी भी कार्य दिवस में की जा सकती है। 12–कार्य आदेश प्रशासनिक एवं वित्तीय स्वीकृति प्राप्त होने के उपरान्त ही जारी किया जायेगा। 13–अनुबन्ध के समय 100 रु0 का नॉन जूडिशियल एक रु0 की रैवैन्यू टिकट सहित स्टाम्प पेपर जमा किया जायेगा। 14–कोई निविदा दाता जो राज्यविधिक काउन्सिल में पंजीकृत हो निविदा देने में प्रतिबन्धित होगा। 15–भुगतान के समय ठेकेदार द्वारा माप पुस्तिका के आगणन के अनुसार सामग्री पर जी0एस0टी0 के बिल का भुगतान हेतु जमा करने पर मानक के अनुसार देय होगा। 16–जिस कार्य का टेण्डर स्वीकृत होगा उस कार्य को श्रम विभाग में सम्बन्धित ठेकेदार द्वारा पंजीकरण कराना अनिवार्य होगा।17–भुगतान के समय सम्बन्धित ठेकेदारों/फर्मों द्वारा माप पुस्तिका के अनुसार बिल भी उपलब्ध कराना अनिवार्य होगा। 18–कार्य के अन्तिम भुगतान से पूर्व सहायक अभियन्ता से माप पुस्तिका प्रति हस्ताक्षर कराने के उपरान्त भुगतान किया जायेगा। 19–कार्य के तीनों स्तरों के फोटो ग्राफ भुगतान के समय जमा करने होंगे। 20. ब्लैक लिस्टेड फर्म के टैण्डर स्वीकार नहीं किये जायेंगे।

(स्मृति अवस्थी)
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गंगीरी (अलीगढ़)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER , CONSTRUCTION WING,
UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM,
E-32 JUDGE FARM HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL(PIN 263139)

Letter no.: 246/Nivida-Anubandh/Lohaghat/10 Dated: 15-02-2025

E-Tender Notice

Sl.No.	Name of the work	Tender Value (Rs. In Lakh)	Period of Completion
1.	REMAINING WORKS OF BUILDING AND HOSTEL AT RAJEEV GANDHI NAVODAY VIDHIYALAYA LOHAGHAT, DISTRICT CHAMPAWAT.	1180.19	18 Months
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING AT GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC LOHAGHAT, DISTRICT CHAMPAWAT.	914.23	12 Months
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF MULTILEVEL PARKING AT BARAKOT, DISTRICT CHAMPAWAT.	319.48	12 Months
4.	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE CUM PARKING AT COLLECTORATE CAMPUS DISTRICT CHAMPAWAT.	164.52	09 Months

5. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:-17-02-2025 (17.00 hrs)
6. Online Bid submission: End date :- 10-03-2025 (17.00 hrs)
7. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 12-03-2025 (11.00hrs)
8. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.
9. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place: 21-02-2025 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Lohaghat.
10. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

GENERAL MANAGER

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि.
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हाईडिल कालानी रानीखेत – 263645
(जि. अल्मोड़ा, उत्तराखण्ड) दूरभाष : 05966–220620

पत्रांक : 459/वि.वि.म.(रा)/ई–निविदा **ई–निविदा सूचना** दिनांक : 15.02.2025

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल रानीखेत निम्न ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करता है:–

क्र. सं.	ई–निविदा संख्या	कार्य का नाम	ई–निविदा क्रय/जमा करने की ऑनलाईन अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	ई–निविदा (भाग–1) खुलने की ऑफलाइन/ऑन लाइन तिथि एवं समय
1.	वि.वि.म.(रा.) 58/2024–25	वि.वि.ख. बागेश्वर के अधीन उपखण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत काफलीगैर अनुभाग मे वितरण परिवर्तकों की केमिकल अर्थिंग एवं क्षतिग्रस्त एल.टी. पी.वी.सी. केबल बदलने सम्बन्धी कार्य।	04.03.2025 15:00 बजे तक	05.03.2025 12:00 बजे
2.	वि.वि.म.(रा.) 59/2024–25	वि.वि.ख. बागेश्वर के अधीन उपखण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत दफौट–मनकोट व खाईखाल अनुभाग मे वितरण परिवर्तकों की केमिकल अर्थिंग एवं क्षतिग्रस्त एल.टी. पी.वी.सी. केबल बदलने सम्बन्धी कार्य।	04.03.2025 15:00 बजे तक	05.03.2025 12:00 बजे
3.	वि.वि.म.(रा.) 60/2024–25	वि.वि.ख. बागेश्वर के अन्तर्गत 33 केवी. काफलीगैर से बागेश्वर में ए.सी.एस.आर. डॉग कन्डक्टर को ए.ए.ए.सी. में बदलने हेतु विकेन्द्रीकृत सामग्री की आपूर्ति एवं सम्बन्धी कार्य।	04.03.2025 15:00 बजे तक	05.03.2025 12:00 बजे
4.	वि.वि.म.(रा.) 61/2024–25	वि.वि.ख. बागेश्वर के अधीन उपखण्ड द्वितीय के अन्तर्गत 33 केवी. नाचनी–शामा लाईन की मरम्मत/ पुर्ननिर्माण सम्बन्धी कार्य।	04.03.2025 15:00 बजे तक	05.03.2025 12:00 बजे

उक्त ई–निविदाओं की अन्य नियम व एवं शर्तें वैबसाईट www.uktenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। उक्त ई–निविदाओं का शुद्धि पत्र/विस्तारीकरण/ निरस्तीकरण आदि की सूचना वैबसाईट www.uktenders.gov.in में ही प्रकाशित/ उपलब्ध होगी।

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Worli, Mumbai-400 018

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 18 (2024-25) (2nd Call)

Online E-Tenders in **"B-2"** Form for the following work are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Worli, Mumbai-400018 (Phone No.022-24931902 & 24936404) Government of Maharashtra, Electronic Tender Management System **http://mahatenders.gov.in** from Qualified experience contractors as per Qualifying Criteria for this work.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Amount (In Crore)
1.	Construction of New Administrative Building (G+7 Storeyed) near Garden Gate in Mantralay Premises, Mumbai.	81.91
Tender Issue Date	Date.14/02/2025 at 16.00 hrs to 20/02/2025 at 16.00 hrs	
Pre-Bid Meeting	Date.17/02/2025 at 15.00 Hrs at (Office of The Chief Engineer, Mumbai P.W. Region, Mumbai, Bandhkam Bhavan, 4th floor, Fort, Mumbai.)	
Opening Date	Date 21/02/2025 at 16.00 hrs (Office of the Superintending Engineer, Mumbai (P.W.) Circle, 5th floor Bandhakam Bhavan Fort, Mumbai)	

All detail information is available on following websites. Visit Website for details:
1. **http://mahapwd.gov.in**
2. **http://mahatenders.gov.in**

No. /EE/CMD/Tender/753
Date:- 12/02/2025
DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 6441

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Central Mumbai (P.W.) Division,
Worli, Mumbai

Office of Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, P.W.D. Moradabad

No.927 / Nivida-Moradabad/24-25 Date-05.02.2025

Short Term E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tender

1 On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website http://etender.up.nic.in from registered contractors from 25-01-2025 at 10.00 am to 31-01-2025 at 12.00 Noon. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 31-01-2025 at 12:30 pm in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

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Sl. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (with Bitumen) Rs.in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents including GST (RS.)	Category of road contractor eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Due to excessive rainfall in the financial year 2024-25, the roads of the district have become very damaged, due to which short term tender is being invited as follows in anticipation of approval, so that work can be started as soon as approval is received.					
1	Amroha	Interlocking Tiels and drain work both side in Abadi portion of Didauli Kailsa Nanhera Aliyarpur Road (ODR) in Km 1,2,3 & 4.	135.00	8.75	05 Months	2354.00	"A & B" Road category

3-Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website http://etender.up.nic.in.

(Girish Kumar Singh)
Executive Engineer
Construction Division, P.W.D
Amroha

(S.P.Singh)
Superintending Engineer
Moradabad Circle, P.W.D.
Moradabad
Ph. – 0591-2414619

UP-228930, Dt. 13.02.2025
Website : www.upgov.nic.in

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION


unknown

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name, residence and family is **unknown,** whose age is about 30-32 years was found dead under the Bara Pula NR Murga Shop, New Delhi on 13.02.25. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **DD No. 25A Dated 13.02.2025 at P.S Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 30-32 Years, **Height:** 165 cm, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Pink Coat & Black Shirt and Orange T Shirt. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.

SHO
PS, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi
Ph. No. 011-24355758,8750870929

DP/1797/SE/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that a dead body of a male (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on P.F. No. 03 in between pole no. 49/50, Sadar Side, ODRS** on **07.02.2025** at **10:21 P.M.** In this regard **DD No. 38A Dated 07.02.2025** has been lodged at **P.S Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.**

The description of the deceased is given as below:

Name: Unknown, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 20-25 Years, **Height:** 5' 6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Grey color pant and yellow color t-shirt

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the deceased but no clue has come to light so far. Anyone having information about the person, please inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Ph. 011-23961522, 9971181938

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E-Tender Notice

1. Tender No: 25/SE(CMC-I)/CMD-II/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of Renovation of CISF Mess, Construction of Store Shed in CISF Fire Station, Construction of Bathroom in Fire Barrack ATPS & Grouting of Channel in Nala situated at Chopan End Side of Wagon Trippler BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **10.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 27,90,896.00 only,** Time period: **06 Month,** E.M.D. **55,000.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **01.03.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs., SE, CMC-I**

2. Tender No: 29/SE(CMC-I)/CMD-II/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of Special maintenance of 16 Nos. Ist type quarters, 1 no Barrack and Quarter Guard situated at CISF Colony, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **10.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 35,54,395.00 only,** Time period: **04 Month,** E.M.D. **70,000.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **05.03.2025 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE, CMC-I**

3. Tender No: N-OBR/B/MMCII/PDIII/6000007315_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Supply of Valve for BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **12.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of material is approximately **Rs. 2,00,000.00 only,** E.M.D. **4,000.00,** Tender Cost **590.00.** Last date of submission **05.03.2025 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE, MMC, Obra**

4. Tender No: N-OBR////6000007381_00(T-09) online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of Repairing of Pulleys, input pinion, coupling of different-2 auxiliaries and current collector of Coal Handling Plant 'A' of CHD-III, BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **12.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 2,90,192.00 only,** Time Period : **03 Month,** E.M.D. **5,800.00,** Tender Cost **590.00.** Last date of submission **05.03.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs., SE-V, BTPS**

5. Tender No: N-OBR////6000007400_00(T-10) online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of Service for Rewinding of LT Motors of CHP, OTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **12.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 11,61,420.00 only,** Time Period : **06 Month,** E.M.D. **23,300.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **05.03.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs., SE-V, BTPS**

6. Tender No: 15/SE(CMC-II)/CMD-IV/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Sweeping, cleaning and sanitation of Project Hospital, Obra". Short term E-tender** has been uploaded on **14.02.2025** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 5,06,429.00 only,** E.M.D. **10,000.00,** Tender Cost **590.00.** Last date of submission **22.02.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs., SE, CMC-II, Obra**

Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Concerned superintending engineer has right to cancel any or all e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, addendum, Extension if any shell be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

पत्रांक : 07/ज0स0का0/निविदा दिनांक: 15/02/2025

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Letter no. 611/Nivida (Garhwal) Vikasnagar/12 Dated: 15/02/2025

PRESS NOTE

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement Notice

S. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
	Bid Identification no:- 610/Nivida(Garhwal) Vikasnagar / 11 Dated: 15-02-2025		
1	**CONSTRUCTION OF 108 NOS TYPE II QUARTERS AT 40 VAHINI PAC HARIDWAR.**	**₹ 3150.00 Lacs (Excluding G.S.T)**	**18 Months**
2	**CONSTRUCTION OF 36 NOS TYPE III QUARTERS AT SONDHOWALI, DHORAN DEHRADUN.**	**₹ 1220.00 Lacs (Excluding G.S.T)**	**18 Months**
3	Name & Address of Officer Inviting the Bid :-	Office Chief General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Third Floor (Opposite ONGC Hospital), Kamla Nagar, Dehradun.	
4	Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal :-	**17/02/2025 – 17.00 Hrs.**	
5	Pre Bid Meeting Date	**22/02/2025 – 12.00 Hrs**	
6	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal :-	**11/03/2025 – 15.00 Hrs.**	
	Details of subsequent addendum/ corrigendum /cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://www.uktenders.gov.in"		

General Manager (Garhwal)

FOREIGN MISSIONS NOT EXEMPT FROM LABOUR LAWS: HC

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CHENNAI: Foreign diplomatic missions in India are not exempt from complying with the country's labour and social security laws, particularly those concerning Indian nationals employed at their high commissions and consulates, the Madras high court ruled on Saturday, as it directed the Sri Lankan deputy high commission in Chennai to reinstate a consular agent retrenched from service in 2018.

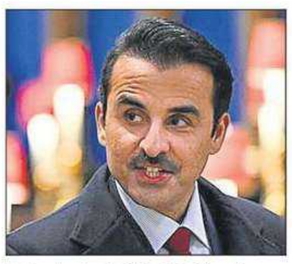
Passing the order, justice D Bharatha Chakravarthy observed that Indians working in foreign diplomatic missions do not need permission from the Centre under Section 86 of the Code of Civil Procedure (CrPC) before approaching an industrial tribunal against their employers.

The judge noted that Parliament enacted the Diplomatic Relations (Vienna Convention) Act, 1972 to give legal force to a convention adopted by the country at the UN conference on diplomatic intercourse and immunities held in Vienna on April 14, 1961.

"Article 33 of the Convention clearly states that only foreign nationals serving in a diplomatic mission are exempt from the social security laws of the receiving state. This exemption does not apply to nationals of the receiving state," the court observed.

Qatar Amir to visit India on Feb 17-18 on PM Modi's invite

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Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani

NEW DELHI: Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani will pay a state visit to India on February 17-18, during which he will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, covering various aspects of the bilateral relations, the MEA said on Saturday.

His visit will provide "further momentum to our growing multifaceted partnership," it said.

He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, senior officials and a business delegation, the ministry of external affairs said in a statement.

"At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Amir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani will pay a state visit to India on 17-18 February 2025," it said.

This would be the second state visit of the Amir of Qatar to India. He earlier visited India in March 2015, the statement said.

"His Highness the Amir of the State of Qatar will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 18 February 2025. During his visit, HH the Amir will hold discussions with Hon'ble President Droupadi Murmu, who will also host a banquet in his honour. HH the Amir will hold talks with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi covering various aspects of the bilateral relations," it said.

India and Qatar have deep-rooted historical ties of friendship, trust and mutual respect. In recent years, the ties between the two countries, including in the areas of trade, investment, energy, technology, culture and people-to-people ties, have continued to strengthen, the MEA said.

The Indian community residing in Qatar forms the largest expatriate community of Qatar, and is "appreciated for its positive contribution in the progress and development of Qatar", it said.

Punjab police arrest agent in US illegal migration case

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CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police's NRI Affairs wing on Saturday arrested a travel agent accused of orchestrating unauthorised migration to the US, marking the first arrest following the deportation of 104 Indians on a US military transport aircraft earlier this month.

Anil Batra was arrested from his in-laws' residence in Patiala in connection with what authorities describe as a complex immigration scheme that mirrors the "dunki route" — a perilous journey through South and Central America. The arrest comes as authorities investigate the networks behind a surge in undocumented migration that led to the unprecedented February 7 deportation flight to Amritsar, which brought back 72 men, 19 women and 13 children from Gujarat, Haryana, and Punjab.

Another flight with 119 Indians was due to arrive in Amritsar on Saturday. Police say Batra arranged travel through Suriname, following which migrants moved through Brazil or Colombia before undertaking a dangerous land journey through Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala to reach Mexico.

> THIS IS THE FIRST ARREST SINCE THE DEPORTATION OF 104 INDIANS ON A US AIRCRAFT EARLIER IN FEB

The final crossing into the US was facilitated by traffickers and smugglers, according to officials investigating the case.

A four-member Special Investigation Team headed by ADGP NRI Affairs Praveen Sinha has registered 10 first information reports against travel agents following complaints from deportees. Batra was arrested by a team led by Inspector Abhey Singh Chauhan under supervision of SP NRI Affairs Patiala Gurbans Singh Bains.

Batra faces charges under sections 406, 420, 370, and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 24 of the Emigration Act in an FIR registered on February 8. Authorities have frozen his bank account containing ₹6.35 lakh.

"We are committed to dismantling these criminal networks," said Punjab director general of police Gaurav Yadav, urging more victims to come forward. He advised citizens to only approach licensed agents for immigration services and verify their credentials thoroughly.

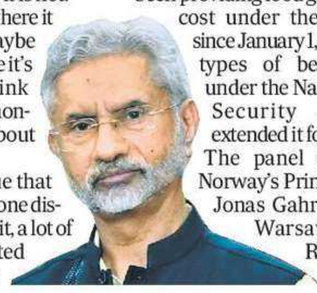
Democratic India is able to feed 800mn people, says Jaishankar

MUNICH: External affairs minister S Jaishankar challenged an American senator who said that democracy "doesn't put food on the table" telling her that in India it does.

Jaishankar was apparently referring to the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) at a panel discussion at the Munich Security Conference, where he countered US Senator Elissa Slotkin.

"Senator, you said that democracy doesn't put food on your table. Actually... in my part of the world, it does. Today, since we are a democratic society, we give nutrition support, and food to 800 million people," Jaishankar said on Friday. "That is a matter of how healthy they are and how full their stomachs are. So, the point I want to make is that different parts of the world are going through different conversations. Please do not assume that this is a kind of universal phenomenon, it is not."

"There are parts where it is working well. Maybe there are parts where it's not," he said. "I think people need to have honest conversations about why it's not."



"But I would argue that to an extent, as someone dispassionately viewing it, a lot of it is an accumulated problem of the model of globalisation that we have followed for the last 25-30 years. I think a lot of chickens have come home to roost. So, yes, there are issues, but from our point of view, let's not make that universal," he added. The Centre has been providing food grains free of cost under the PMGKAY since January 1, 2023 to two types of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act and extended it for five years. The panel comprised Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store and Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowsk. PTI

2 convicted for gang rape of teen in Guj, sentencing on Feb 17

SURAT: A Pocso court in Surat district of Gujarat on Saturday convicted two people for the gang rape of a 17-year-old girl during Navratri festivities in October last year. The court of special judge VV Parmar convicted Munna Paswan and Raju Vishwakarma. A third accused, Shiv Shankar, died from breathing trouble after being taken to a hospital for medical examination post arrest.

The court said it will pronounce the quantum of sentence on February 17.

Man strangles aunt to death for resisting molestation attempt

SHAHJAHANPUR: A 35-year-old woman was strangled to death allegedly by her 22-year-old nephew for resisting molestation bid, police said on Saturday.The incident occurred in Katia village of Shahjahanpur, police said. ASP (rural) Manoj Kumar Awasthi said the victim was alone at her home on Friday night when her brother-in-law's son allegedly attempted to molest her. "When she resisted, the accused allegedly struck her on the head with a stick. He then strangled her to death."

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मिसिल सं.: F. /AFS/GGN/2024-25 दिनांक: 15.02.2025

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संविदा आधारित तात्कालिक साक्षात्कार हेतु

शैक्षणिक सत्र 2025-26 के लिए पीएम श्री केंद्रीय विद्यालय क्रमांक 1, वायु सेना स्थल सेक्टर-14, गुरुग्राम में अंशकालिक संविदा कर्मचारियों के लिए एक पैनल तैयार करने हेतु योग्य उम्मीदवारों को 24 फरवरी, 2025 को वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यू के लिए आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

Interview time: 09.00 A.M. ONWARDS.

S. No.	Name of Post	Interview Date	Registration Time
1.	प्राथमिक शिक्षक और बालवाटिका शिक्षक (एनटीटी)	24.02.2024	08.00 AM to 10.30 AM
2.	(I) स्नातकोत्तर शिक्षक - अंग्रेजी, हिंदी, जीव विज्ञान, रसायन विज्ञान, भौतिकी, वाणिज्य, इतिहास, राजनीति विज्ञान, भूगोल, अर्थशास्त्र, गणित और कंप्यूटर विज्ञान। (II) प्रशिक्षित स्नातक शिक्षक - अंग्रेजी, हिंदी, संस्कृत सामाजिक विज्ञान, विज्ञान और गणित		
3.	अन्यः परामर्शदाता, खेल प्रशिक्षक, कला और शिल्प प्रशिक्षक, संगीत प्रशिक्षक, योग प्रशिक्षक, स्टाफ नर्स, कंप्यूटर प्रशिक्षक और विशेष शिक्षक (दिव्यांग बच्चे)		

1. विभिन्न पदों के लिए योग्यता और शैक्षणिक योग्यताओं से संबंधित जानकारी और साक्षात्कार के समय प्रस्तुत किए जाने वाले आवश्यक आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप स्कूल की वेबसाइट (https://afsno1gurgaon.kvs.ac.in) पर उपलब्ध है।
2. प्रमाणपत्रों की मूल प्रतियां सत्यापन के लिए और साक्षात्कार के समय उनकी स्व-सत्यापित प्रतियां उपलब्ध कराई जानी चाहिए।
3. किसी भी नवीनतम जानकारी के लिए स्कूल की वेबसाइट https://afsno1gurgaon.kvs.ac.in पर जाएं।
4. अभ्यर्थियों की संख्या अधिक होने पर लिखित परीक्षा का भी आयोजन किया जा सकता है।

Principal

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION MEETING FOR AIRPORT TARIFF DETERMINATION OF IGI AIRPORT, DELHI FOR 4TH CONTROL PERIOD (01.04.2024 to 31.03.2029)

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) has issued Consultation Paper No. 07/2024-25 on 31.01.2025 (which is available on AERA website at URL **www.aera.gov.in**) w.r.t the Tariff Determination for Aeronautical Services for Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi for the 4th Control period Tariff Cycle of five year (01.04.2024 to 31.03.2029).

In accordance with the provision of Section 13(4) of the AERA Act, 2008, the various tariff proposals of the Authority read with the relevant discussions contained in the Consultation Paper, are put forth for Stakeholders' Consultation. A Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting in hybrid mode (Physical/Online) in this regard is scheduled on 17th February 2025 (Monday) at 02.30 PM at:

Indian Aviation Academy,
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070

All stakeholders like Passengers/Passengers' Associations, General Public, Airport Operators, Airlines, Industry Associations/Bodies, Independent Service providers for Cargo, Ground Handing and Fuel Farm etc., are requested to join the said meeting and give their valuable suggestions/comments/views on the aforesaid Consultation Paper on tariff proposals of IGI airport, Delhi.

Those participants opting for online mode may send their confirmation by 16th February, 2025 with **Name/email address/mobile number** by email (to **director-ps@aera.gov.in** and **rajan.gupta1@aera.gov.in**), so that the online link can be shared with such participants for the stakeholders' meeting on 17th February, 2025.

Sd/-
Secretary, AERA

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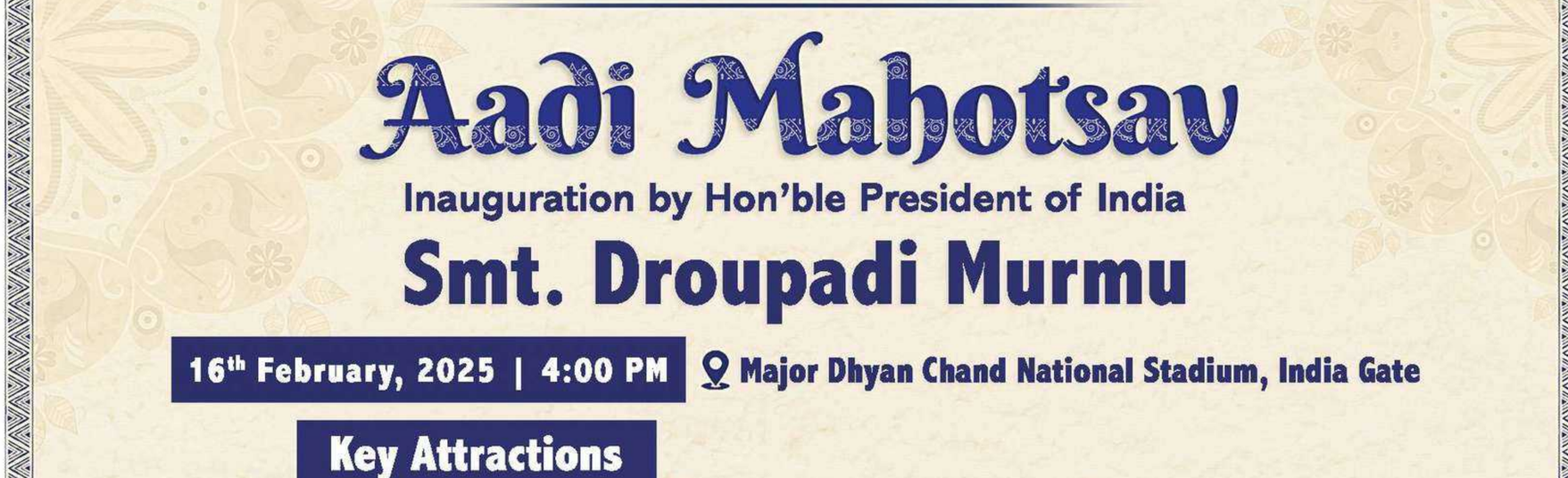
16th February, 2025 | 4:00 PM — **Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, India Gate**

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Tender Notice

NIT No. 02/G./1/Mis/Bpl.Z./2019 (Year 2025) **Bhopal, Date : 28.01.2025**

Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal **https://mptenders.gov.in** Tender details are as below :-

S. No.	Tender No.	District	Nature of work	Name of work	Call No.	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In lack)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2025_ PWDRB_ 398828_1	Bhopal (Capital Div. No.2 Bhopal)	Renovation	RENOVATION AND UPGRADATION OF VALLABH BHAWAN BLOCK-1, INCLUDING ELECTRIFICATION, FIRE FIGHTING, HVAC, MEP, INTERIOR FURNISHING AND FURNITURE, FACADE UPGRADATION, LV AND ALLIED WORKS ARERA HILLS, BHOPAL.	1st Call	**8608.00**	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only
				Total		**8608.00**	

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for Purchase of Document on line is Dated **21.02.2025 up to (17:30).** Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

G-23036/24 "पॉक्सो है सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करें अत्याचार"

Chief Engineer (Bhopal Zone), P.W.D. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. HE-TRD-2024-25-OT-38 dated: 10.02.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following works.

SN	Name of work	Approx. value
1	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of SCADA system for SYNERGY make remote terminal units of Ballari- Tinai Ghat as per RDSO Specification No. TI/SPC/RCC/SCADA/0130 (REV 2) with A/C slip no 1 and latest for 4 ears.	Rs. 95,33,184/-

Last date of submission of bid **04.03.2025 upto 13:00 Hours.**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction & Distribution/Hubballi

PUB/790/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT-II CHANDERKOTE RAMBAN

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E-mail:- xenegenbhepii@gmail.com

GEN/BHEP-II/2024/786-88 **Dated: 14.02.2025**

Extension Notice-III

Due to poor response, the E-nit No. GEN/BHEP-II/05 of 2024-25 Dated: 04.01.2025 titled Repair of Piston Accumulator of Unit # 5 BHEP-II including transport published by this office is here by extended by 07 days.

Description	Previous Date	New Date
Last date for submission of Bid	13.02.2025 at 04.00 PM	20.02.2025 at 04.00 PM
Date of Opening of Bid	15.02.2024 at 04.00 PM	22.02.2025 at 04.00 PM

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Generation Division BHEP-II, Chanderkote

DIP-J-3921-24

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



NANDNI

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely **Nandni d/o Mahendr Prasad R/o** H. No.1, Gali No.16/1, near Ankur Farm House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Karala, Delhi. has been missing / kidnapped from factory Oppsite Brahm Shakti Hospital Pooth Kalan Delhi since: **04.02.2025** In this regard, a case **FIRNo. 136/25 u/s 137 (2) BNS dated 05.02.2025**. has been registered at **P.S. Sultanpuri Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under.

Age: 17 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black Color Kurta and Gray Color Pant and Black color Slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform **P.S. Sultanpuri, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in,** providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **Sd/-**
Fax No. 011- 24368639 **S.H.O. Sultanpuri, Delhi**
DP/1613/OD/2025 **Tel No. 7065036134**

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE

RAMPUR ROAD, HALDWANI, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND-263139
TEL. No. 05946-255255, 255926, 282578, FAX: 05946-282578
Website: www.gmchld.org. email:principal-gmchid-uk@gov.in

Walk-In-Interview

Walk in interview for 05 vacant posts of "Faculty" (Super Specialty-03 & Specialty-02), 01 vacant Post of Assistant Professor Medical Physicist/Radiation Physics (01 General post) in State Cancer Institute, Haldwani on contractual basis will be held on 25th February 2025 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM onwards in the "Office of the Principal, Government College, Haldwani (Nainital) Uttrakhand". For Further detail please visit our website:- www.medicaleducation.uk.gov.in & www.gmchld.org, www.gmchld.com

Advt. No:- 366/GMC/Apptt/ Dated: 15/02/2025

PRINCIPAL
GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, HALDWANI

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL & HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR

Telefax: 0194-2496089, Email ID: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

Gist of e-tender

e-NIT No: M&HDS/TS /2024-25/148/e-tendering, Dated: 15.02.2025

(Short Term)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from Original Equipment manufacturers /registered/ reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work: -

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No.	TS No	Earnest Money	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Augmentation of Fire Fighting system by way of Supply and installation of Fire Extinguishers of various types and capacities at Govt. CD Hospital, Srinagar	3.339	200	10	23 Mcs of 2025 Dt:- 04.02.2025	M&HDS/TS/134 Of 02/25	6780	Available
Augmentation of Fire Fighting system by way of SITC of Fire and alarm Detection system at Govt. CD Hospital, Srinagar	14.34	1000	15	23 Mcs of 2025 Dt:- 04.02.2025	M&HDS/TS/135 Of 02/25	28680	Available

1. **Downloading of Bids:-** The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** from **15.02.2025 (1800 hrs) and can be downloaded from 15.02.2025 (1800 hrs)**
2. **Uploading:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site **16.02.2025 (1000 hrs) to 27.02.2025 (1800 hrs) in two (02) covers.**
3. **Opening of Bids:** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on **28.02.2025 at 1200 (hrs)**

No: M&HDS/TS/8537-41 Sd/-
Dated:15.02.2025 **Executive Engineer,**
DIPK-12059-24 **M&HD, Srinagar**

OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR
SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-U,2.0
J&K-U.T

Notice Inviting Tenders

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&.K, UT, The Mission Director, SBM-U,2.0 invites online tenders from **Experienced Bidders having Relevant experience** for the **"Expression of Interest For Empanelment of Agencies for undertaking Operation and Maintenance of Processing Facilities for Dry Waste at Existing MRF Center in various ULBs of Jammu & Kashmir"**

The online tenders along with scanned copy of CDR/FDR, Bid Fee and other relevant documents should be uploaded on or before **03.03.2025 up to 1500 hrs.**

S. No	EOI No.	Bid Fee	EMD
1.	EOI No: HUD/SBM/EOI-SBM/2024-25/07	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-

1) The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website **http://jktenders.gov.in**
2) The bids received will be opened on **05.03.2025 at 2.00 PM** Online.

No. HUD/SBM/U/2024-25/14 **MISSION DIRECTOR**
Dated: 13.02.2025 **SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-U,2.0**
DIP-J-10180-24 **J&K, U.T**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY
KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

NOTICE

Director, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi invites the applications for the following posts on tenure basis upto three years. Selection will be made through written examination and department assessment scheduled to be held on **11.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M.** at CIP campus. Details of vacant posts are as under. The number of vacancy may vary.

1. **Clinical Psychology Tutor - 02 post (UR-02)**
2. **Senior Resident - 14 posts**
   - i) Psychiatry - 08 (UR-03, OBC-03, EWS-01 & SC-01)
   - ii) Neurology - 04 (UR-02, OBC-01, SC-01)
   - iii) Anesthesiology - 01 (UR-01)
   - iv) Radio-diagnosis - 01 (UR-01)

Desirous candidates may send their application by post/by hand or by E-mail ID: **director@cipranchi.nic.in** on or before 07.03.2025 in the prescribed format giving full details of academic records and experience along with photocopy of the relevant documents with recent photograph so that reach this office by 07.03.2025 for written examination and department assessment scheduled to be held on **11.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M**. Application received after due date will not be entertained. Further details can be seen on the Institute's website **www.cipranchi.nic.in.**

Sd/-Director

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
BALANGIR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BALANGIR

E-mail:sebalangir@gmail.com

A-1077

"e- Procurement Notice"

BID Identification No: ACE, BOIC- 01/2024-25

Procurement Details

Pkg. No.	Name of works	Approx. Tender Cost in lakh	Class of Contractor	Bid Security/ EMD- (online)-	Cost of tender document- (online)- (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of FPE on Sonegarh left from Deogaon N.H bridge to Railway RD 00 m to 2500 m	Rs 302.34 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' Class only	Rs. 3,02,350/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
2	Construction of FPE on Sonegarh left from Gaibahal to Deogaon RD 00 m to 3500 m.	Rs 442.31 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' Class only	Rs. 4,42,310/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

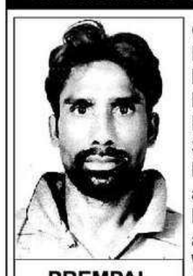
Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No .	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender		Place of opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Addl. Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir	ACE, BOIC — 01/2024-25	Dt. 18.02.2025 at 10.00 hours	Dt. 06.03.2025 up to 17.30 hours	Dt.18.02.2025 to Dt.28.02.2025 At Office during office hours. (In working days)	Dt. 07.03.2025 at 11.00 Hours	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid.	Office of Addl. Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "**https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir

OIPR - 32347/11/0001/2425

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



PREMPAL

General Public is hereby informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) namely **PREMPAL S/o** Durga Prasad, **R/o:** H.No. B-14, Street No. 6, Veer Bazar, Near Hanuman Mandir, 80 Gaj Jeewan Park, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, **Age**-30 Yrs, has been reported missing since 10.02.2025 at about 6.30 PM from A-39, WPIA, Delhi, vide, **DD No. 49A, Dated 13.02.2025,** registered at **Police Station Ashok Vihar, North-West Distt., Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Sex: Male, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Violet Colour Sweater, Blue Jeans and Voilet Shoes on his Feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station Ashok Vihar,
North-West Distt., Delhi
Ph.: 8750870221

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/1852/NW/2025

BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)

टैलीफैक्स–0135-2522941 ई–मेल – bridcul@gmail.com CIN No - U45203UR2008SGC032591

ब्रिज, रोपवे, टनल एण्ड अदर इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ उत्तराखण्ड लिमिटेड
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)
पूर्व में उत्तराखण्ड राज्य अवस्थापना विकास निगम लिमिटेड
प्रधान कार्यालय : अवस्थापना भवन, 583–ठ, राजकीय आई०टी०आई० निरंजनपुर के सामने, माजरा, सहारनपुर रोड, देहरादून–248001

Ref. : 331/ BRIDCUL - 988 /25 **Dated : 15/02/2025**

E-Tendering

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the works given as below : -

S. No.	Ref. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (In Lac Including GST)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/HQ DDN/82/2024-25)	Electrification & Allied works for Rejeev Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya Distt. Rudraprayag.	344.79	7.00	5000 + 18% GST	18 Months

For above tenders, document download start date is 17.02.2025 and Bid submission end date is 03.03.2025 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above works can be obtained directly from website https://uktenders.gov.in .

Changes, if any will be intimated only through website https://uktenders.gov.in .

DGM (HQ)

PROVISION OF GRID CONNECTED ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER PLANT

E-Tender Notice No. RNY-EL-T-09-2024-25-RT-2 Dated: 13-02-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** At Rangiya Division - Provision of 7835 KWp Grid connected rooftop Solar Power plant including 5 years AMC/ CAMC at residential buildings in Rangiya Division. **Tender Value:** ₹35,51,46,603.70/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹19,25,700/-. **Date and time of closing of tender: 13.00** hrs. of **28-02-2025.** The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. DEE (G), Rangiya

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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Office of The Chief Engineer
Kanpur Municipal Corporation

CM-GRIDS

Ref No.- D/816/C.E./24-25 Date- 15.02.2025

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Nagar Nigam Kanpur invites percentage rate bids on http://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders for the following packages under the CM-GRID Scheme.

Sr. No.	Package No.	Nagar Nigam	Road ID	Included Roads	Length of Road (Km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakh)	Duration of Const ruction on Work (in Months)	Tender Fee Including GST (in Rs.)
						Construction (In Rs.)	Maintenance For 5 Years (In Rs.)				
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	KMC/ CMG/ 24-25/ PKG-2	Kanpur Municipal Corpo ration	KMC/ CMG/ PART-A	Improvement of road from From Naubasta Bamba To Karrahi Road Under Zone-03	2.10	2289.20	55.65	2344.85	46.90	15	30029.00
2			KMC/ CMG/ PART-B	Improvement of road from From Lal Bangla Road To V.I.P. Road and Pacific Lawn To J.K. First Chauraha Under Zone-02	2.40	3208.32	70.03	3278.35	65.57	15	41045.00
				TOTAL	**4.5**	**5497.52**	**125.68**	**5623.2**	**112.47**	**15**	**71074.00**
3	KMC/ CMG/ 24-25/ PKG-3		KMC/ CMG/ PART-A	Improvement of road from Deep cinema tiraha to Sote baba Mandir via H Block in zone 3.	1.80	2685.92	60.19	2746.11	54.93	15	34764.00
4			KMC/ CMG/ PART-B	Improvement of road from Gurudev Chauraha to Chidiya Ghar Chauraha under Zone-06.	2.75	3699.61	92.49	3792.10	75.85	15	46016.00
				TOTAL	**4.55**	**6385.53**	**152.68**	**6538.21**	**130.78**	**15**	**80780.00**
5	KMC/ CMG/ 24-25/ PKG-1		KMC/ CMG/	Improvement of road from thana Swaroop nagar to matka tiraha via Gwalin chauraha under zone-4	1.50	1741.69	40.50	1782.19	35.64	15	23390.00

Timeline for Tender

Sr.No.	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tender portal of NIC.	17.02.2025, 03.00 After noon
2	Date & Place of Pre-bid meeting	20.02.2025, 3.00 PM URIDA Head Quarter, Directorate urban local Bodies Lucknow/ Online Email:- chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com
3	Last date and Online for submission of bid on E-Tender Portal	12.03.2025, up to 3.00 PM
4	Opening of tender (Technical bid)	12.03.2025, 4.00 PM

Any Corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender shall be available at Kanpur Nagar Nigam Website-kmc.up.nic.in and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 17.02.2025 i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in

Under IBT Clause-10, Kanpur Nagar Nigam has right to issue corrigendum/addendum which will not publish in any newspaper. All bidders are advised to keep watch on E-tender portal on daily basis. Any corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender will be available at Kanpur Nagar Nigam Website- kmc.up.nic.in and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 17.02.2025 i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in

It will be mandatory to pay the Earnest Money and Tender Fee price of the said tender online through e-tender portal during online bid submission.

Any queries/complain related to tender can be sent before 24 Hrs. of Pre-Bid meeting date and time i.e. 19.02.2025 at e-mail-Id's chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com and urida.goup@gmail.com, so that queries can be resolved at Pre-Bid meeting.
No queries/complain will entertain after 21.02.2025, 3.00 PM.

Chief Engineer,
Kanpur Municipal Corporation

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि.
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत।

पत्रांक : 2228/वि.वि.म.(च.)/निविदा **ई–निविदा सूचना (रिटेण्डर)** दिनांक : 15.02.2025

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत से पूर्व में आमन्त्रित निम्न ई० निविदाओं में न्यूनतम प्रतिभाग प्राप्त न होने के कारण निविदाओं को रि–टेण्डर कर पुनः आमन्त्रित किया जाता है। निविदा कार्य, मदें एवं शर्ते सहित अधिक जानकारी के लिये उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वैब साईट **www.uktenders.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

क०सं०	निविदा संख्या	कार्य का नाम	निविदा ऑनलाईन व आफलाईन जमा व खुलने की तिथि
1	58/2024-25/EDC(CH)	कैपिटल एस०आई० मद में वि०वि०उ० टनकपुर के बनबसा पोषक के विभिन्न ग्रामों में एल०टी० ए०सी०एस०आर० वीजल कण्डक्टर को ए०बी० केबिल में बदलने एंव लम्बी सर्विस केबिल में अतिरिक्त पोल लगाने का कार्य। निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार, निविदा मूल्य रू० 2360/- एंव धरोहर धनराशि रू० 1,00,000/-	28-02-2025
2	62/2024-25/EDC(CH)	कैपिटल एस०आई० मद में टर्नकी के आधार पर विद्युत वितरण खण्ड सितारगंज के जेलकैम्प अनुभाग में लम्बी दूरी स्पान के मध्य अतिरिक्त पोल लगाने, लूज स्पानों को रिसैगिंग एंव क्षतिग्रस्त डबल पोल स्ट्रक्चर की मरम्मत का कार्य। निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार, निविदा मूल्य रू० 2360/- एंव धरोहर धनराशि रू० 75,000/-	28-02-2025
3	65/2024-25/EDC(CH)	कैपिटल एस०आई० मद में वि०वि०उ० टनकपुर के पूर्णागिरी पोषक के अन्तर्गत बूम. उचेलीगोठ से ढूलीगाढ के मध्य 11 के०वी० लाईन पर रैबिट कण्डक्टर के स्थान पर कवर्ड कण्डक्टर की स्थापना का कार्य निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार, निविदा मूल्य रू० 11800/- एंव धरोहर धनराशि रू० 2,50,000/-	28-02-2025
4	66/2024-25/EDC(CH)	कैपिटल एस०आई० मद में वि०वि०उ०ख टनकपुर के पूर्णागिरी बिचई, टाउन एंव आमबाग पोषक में स्थापित 250/100/63 के०वी०ए० वितरण परिवर्तकों में ए०सी०बी० एंव एम०सी०सी०बी० की स्थापना का कार्य निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार, निविदा मूल्य रू० 5900/- एंव धरोहर धनराशि रू० 1,75,000/-	28-02-2025

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BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)

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प्रधान कार्यालयः अवस्थापना भवन, 583–ठ, राजकीय आई०टी०आई० निरंजनपुर के सामने, माजरा, सहारनपुर रोड, देहरादून–248001
टैलीफैक्स– 0135–2522941, ई–मेल–bridcul@gmail.com, CIN No - U45203UR2008SGC032591

Ref : 323/BRIDCUL-987/25 Dated: 15/02/2025

E-Tendering

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S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (in lac including GST)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/ 81/2024-25)	SITC of 5 Nos Lifts/Elevators at Admin/Academic, Examination & Guest House Block at Sridev Suman University Campus Rishikesh (Dehradun)	114.00	2.28	5000+ 18% GST	12 Months

For above tenders, document download start date is 17.02.2025 and Bid submission end date is 03.03.2025 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above works can be obtained directly from website https://uktenders.gov.in

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DGM(HQ)

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FM calls for a new model for bilateral investment treaties

Rajeev Jayaswal
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NEW DELHI: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday that the country needs a new model for bilateral investment treaties (BITs), saying the 2016 template is "inadequate" for meeting countries' requirements and that investment treaties should be kept separate from future free trade agreements.

Speaking at the inauguration of the first postgraduate certificate course on international commercial and investment treaty arbitration, Sitharaman emphasised that including BITs within free trade agreements (FTAs) often reduces them to "a negotiating card," compromising their fundamental purpose.

"Issues related to BIT are so unique to the sovereign that we think BIT should be negotiated as a standalone negotiation rather than make it as a part of an FTA agreement," said the finance minister, who mentioned an overhaul was in the works while presenting the Union Budget on February 1.

The announcement comes at a crucial time as India negotiates



Nirmala Sitharaman

FTAs with major economies, including the United Kingdom and European Union, which favour comprehensive agreements encompassing both trade and investment deals simultaneously.

Sitharaman observed that even developed economies are moving away from "old-fashioned" BITs that prioritised investor protection but "inadvertently" led to situations where sovereign space was "completely left open and loose," failing to adequately protect national interests.

Drawing from the experiences of emerging economies and the Global South, including India, the minister noted these nations have "borne the brunt" of such treaties as they encroached upon their policy space. She indicated the forthcoming model BIT would "restore what is the right of the Parliament" and sovereign authority, particularly regarding taxation matters.

The minister referenced her recent budget statement, confirming India's signing of BITs with two countries in 2024. "As proposed in the Interim Budget... the current model BIT will be revamped and made more investor-friendly," she said in her Budget speech on February 1, adding that the new framework would help reduce arbitration costs.

Citing United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) data, Sitharaman revealed that of 1,368 registered investment treaty cases, approximately 70% are pursued against developing nations under old-generation treaties. She highlighted concerns about wealthy commercial interests purchasing arbitration cases and pursuing lengthy legal battles across jurisdictions, putting sovereign states at a disadvantage.

"The average amount sought by investors in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) cases is $1.1 billion, which remains a considerable burden for the Global South," Sitharaman said. She noted that corporations have employed ISDS mechanisms to challenge government policies, environmental regulations and public interest laws.

The minister expressed concern about arbitrators often disregarding host countries' judicial decisions. "While arriving at an arbitration outcome, even findings related to crimes like fraud and corruption which have been established through the court of law in the host country, put the states in a conflicting position to accept the award," she explained.

Looking ahead, Sitharaman outlined her vision for future investment treaties, emphasising they must provide enhanced regulatory powers to nations while offering clear guidance to arbitrators.

"I strongly believe, moving forward, the framework of investment treaties should capture: National interests in relation to regulatory powers, strengthened guidance for arbitrators in resolving disputes, keeping in mind nations' interests and circumstances as well," she said.

{ ₹122-CR FRAUD CASE }

New India Coop Bank's GM held in fraud case

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MUMBAI: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police on Saturday arrested the general manager of New India Cooperative Bank for allegedly misappropriating ₹122 crore from the bank, officials said.

The accused, identified as Hitesh Mehta (57), allegedly siphoned off ₹122 crore from the lender's Prabhadevi and Goregaon branches in Mumbai. The accused was arrested after he confessed to the crime during questioning on Saturday, saying that he had been taking cash from the bank's safe.

"We have arrested Hitesh Pravinchand Mehta, 57, a resident of Dahisar, who worked as general manager, accounts, with the bank," said a police officer from the Dadar police station, where the EOW registered the case. "On the pretext of transferring the cash between the Prabhadevi and Goregaon branches, he took the cash home... We will produce him before the holiday court on Sunday."

The alleged fraud came to light on Wednesday when a team of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials conducted an audit at the Prabhadevi-based head office of the bank.

After counting the money in the safe, the RBI team told bank employees that ₹112 crore in cash was missing. "They started questioning employees about the missing cash. However, nobody could give any satisfactory answer. Later, it was found that cash was missing from the bank's Goregaon branch as well. In total, ₹122 crore was missing from the bank's safes," the officer cited above said.

The development comes two days after the RBI enforced a six-month transaction ban on the Mumbai-based bank due to alleged irregularities in its lending practices. On Friday, the central bank superseded the board of the cooperative bank for 12 months, even as scores of panic-stricken customers thronged its branches, desperate to recover their life savings.

Advocate Chandrakant Ambani, who is representing Mehta, said his client was innocent. "It is interesting how the fraud was not discovered till now, neither by the bank nor by auditors, as banks have several audits."

Police remove illegal checkposts put up on national highway in Manipur

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NEW DELHI: Security forces on Saturday dismantled checkposts illegally mounted by local residents on the highway connecting Imphal and Churachandpur districts of Manipur, two days after President's Rule was imposed in the ethnic strife-torn northeastern state, police said.

The illegal checkposts at Churachandpur district was set up by village volunteers of Kuki-Zo community on National Highway 2 in May 2023, when violence first struck the state, to prevent entry of Meiteis from Imphal and Bishnupur valley districts. Since then, ethnic violence in the state has killed at least 250 people.

This is the first time in the last 21 months that forces have managed to dismantle the checkposts to take control of the area to ensure free movement of vehicles.

POLICE SAID THE MOVE WILL NOW ENSURE FREE MOVEMENT OF CIVILIAN VEHICLES

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Manipur police said forces have taken over the area as the security situation has improved, and will now ensure free movement of civilian vehicles.

"On February 15, joint security forces dismantled volunteer check posts at Kaprang and S Kwatlian at Churachandpur on NH-2. These posts had come into existence since the beginning of the conflict and were no longer required as the security situation has improved considerably. Security Forces have taken over these locations and free movement of common vehicles is being ensured. Law enforcement agencies remain committed to maintaining order and safety on our highways," the Manipur police said in the statement.

The development comes days after the Union government announced that it was imposing President's Rule in Manipur, potentially averting a Constitutional crisis after failing to find someone to replace former chief minister N Biren Singh who resigned on February 9, and missing a deadline to convene the state's legislative assembly.

The state has been roiled by clashes between Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities for almost two years, displacing around 50,000.

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position, questioning the choice of landing site. "Why are these planes landing in Punjab? Are you trying to send a message that every illegal immigrant to the US is from Punjab?" Tewari said, warning that "Punjab does not take very easily to humiliation." Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former state minister Gulzar Singh Ranike termed it a "conspiracy to defame Punjab."

The state government has promised rehabilitation support for returnees, many of whom sold land or incurred heavy debts – typically between ₹40-60 lakh ($48,000-$72,000) – to fund their attempts at entering the United States. Most took either the perilous "dunki route" through Latin America or attempted entry after obtaining student visas in the United Kingdom.

The deportations come amid heightened focus on illegal migration networks. Punjab Police recently made their first arrest in the case, apprehending a travel agent for allegedly orchestrating journeys through Suriname and Central America.

The deportations became a political flashpoint ahead of Modi's White House visit earlier in the week, where the two countries resolved to work on a number of issues, including immigration.

Mann criticised the PM for not addressing the issue during his recent meeting with US President Donald Trump. "On one hand the Prime Minister was hugging the US President and at the same time the chained Indians were being shamefully deported," Mann said.

State authorities have promised strict action against travel agents involved in illegal migration schemes. "The state government is very strict against the illegal travel agents because of whom these innocent Indians had gone illegally to the US," Mann said, promising "exemplary action" against those "duping common Indians."

Officials have been deployed to facilitate the returnees' journey to their respective districts, with the state government arranging boarding and lodging facilities at the airport.

Mann assured that the government would explore opportunities for rehabilitating deportees.

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Public Notice

Be it known to all that I, Anshu Agarwal wife of Sh. Prabhat Raj R/o House No. 304, Alaknanda Sidharth, Panditwari, P.O. Prem Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248007 am officially known by my above name and my IDs have also been issued by the Govt. of India in this name, however I am also known and recognized by my nick name Preeti Raj and have signed some documents by mentioning my this name, as such both names are of mine and there is no confusion or ambiguity regarding my identity by my both names.(Mrs.) Anshu Agrawal

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The undersigned on behalf of The President of India invite e-tenders for the following works:

SL	Item of Work	Approx. Value
1	Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 110kv/25kv additional Traction Transformers at Hubballi, Traction Sub Station.	Rs. 1,37,10,110.44/-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING OBJECTIONS REGARDING REGISTRATION OF THE PROJECT NAMELY "DXP ICONIC" LOCATED AT SECTOR 37D, GURUGRAM BEING DEVELOPED BY M/S SIGNATUREGLOBAL HOMES PVT. LTD.

It is for the information of the general public/ allottees of the project "DXP ICONIC" that the promoter M/s Signatureglobal Homes Pvt. Ltd. has applied for registration of the group housing project namely "DXP ICONIC" situated in sector 37D, Gurugram for which license no. 33 of 2008 dated 19.02.2008 has been granted by the Director, Town and Country Planning Department Haryana (DTCP) in favour of M/s Ram Prastha Builders Pvt. Ltd. and others.

The DTCP has granted the beneficiary interest permission in favour of M/s Signatureglobal Homes Pvt. Ltd. vide endst no. LC-1608-V-JE(SK)-2024/40938 dated 23.12.2024.

The phasing plan of the project has been approved by the DTCP vide memo. No. ZP-418-II/PA(DK)/2023/40157 dated 21.11.2023. thereafter the building plan of Phase 4 of the project, for which M/s Signatureglobal Homes Pvt. Ltd. has applied for registration was approved vide memo No. ZP-418A/JD(RA)/2024/31888 dated 21.10.2024.

The promoter M/s Signatureglobal Homes Pvt. Ltd. has stated that no approval for building plans and other permission for development of the project was earlier sought by them with respect to the area applied for registration. The promoter further stated that no third-party rights have been created in the area applied for registration.

The relevant application and related documents are available in the office of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram which can be seen by any concerned on any working day during office hours i.e., 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. up to 28.02.2025 for filing of objections, if any. Anyone concerned having any objection w.r.t to the above claim of the promoter and revision in the building plan/phasing plan, may appear before the Authority in person on 03.03.2025 at 11:00 am.

Given under the approval of the Authority and its seal.

Secretary,
Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram.

Dated: 16.02.2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is here by informed that one Boy (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Jai Kishore **S/o:** Sh. Ganesh, **R/o:** RZD-2/65, Gali No-3, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi **Age:** Around 14 Years, **Height:** 4 Feet 6 Inch, **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Sweater and Blue Jeans, missing since **12.02.2025** at about **06:00 pm** from his home under area of **P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi.**

In this regard a **FIR No. 85/25, U/s 137(2) BNS dated 13.02.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Boy but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this Boy kindly inform to the following.

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{ THE BIG PICTURE }

No immediate relief in sight from climate crisis



India, in an earlier COP meeting, had stated that it was not in a position to abandon its reliance on coal for electricity generation. AFP

In a world faced with the urgent need to transition to cleaner energy and fix climate disturbances, the dominance of fossil fuels in the quest for energy security continues



Ananda Banerjee

January this year was the warmest since weather record-keeping began in 1901. Eighteen out of the past 19 months saw the global average surface air temperature exceed 1.5°C above the pre-industrial levels, which is the consensus warming threshold to prevent irreversible effects of the climate crisis. The past year was the hottest year on record; in fact, each of the years in the past decade has been breaking this record.

The rising heat is narrowing the window of the already-short Indian spring. The pleasant or bearable months are now getting squeezed as February gets warmer. Climate studies warn us to brace for extreme weather events wherein the impacts of the climate crisis will blur the lines between natural and human-induced disasters, much like the Palisades fire in Los Angeles earlier this year.

Amid this climate emergency, the United States (US) has started the process of exiting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for the second time under the leadership of Donald Trump, who signed the withdrawal of the US from the Paris climate agreement on the very day he assumed office, citing the trillions of dollars his country will save. It is ironic that Trump, who has repeatedly claimed that the climate crisis is a "hoax" and global warming a "green scam", had to see his inauguration ceremony as president moved indoors due to extremely cold conditions in Washington, DC, unusual for the period.

Burning of fossil fuels is the primary concern when it comes to global warming. The effects of the climate crisis on lives and livelihoods will continue to deteriorate until coal, oil, and gas are replaced with less polluting, renewable energy systems. Solar, wind, geothermal, and hydropower are primary renewables and have seen acceptance worldwide. Yet, the global consumption of fossil fuels continues to grow, and these will remain a significant player in the global energy market till at least the 2040s. A rapid phase-out is ruled out. Economic growth is a 24X7 energy-guzzler, and renewable energy systems cannot feed this ever-growing demand by themselves. Solar and wind power also carry the handicap of being dependent on the vagaries of nature. It is an uphill task, countering the massive energy demands of development. And with this, the hopes of carbon emission cuts needed to stay on track to meet warming benchmarks are slowly getting extinguished. Climate experts have predicted that we are headed towards a 3°C rise by the end of this century.

Energy transitions are extremely slow as the electricity demand is growing exponentially compared to the supply of green energy. The share of fossil fuels in global energy consumption has dropped marginally in two decades, from 86% in 2000 to 82% in 2023. This is too little, too late for mitigation of the climate crisis. An alarming note is the rise in Artificial Intelligence (AI). As countries embrace this technology, energy consumption and emissions are expected to increase exponentially. The Economic Survey 2024 stated that "the race to dominate the emerging technology of Artificial Intelligence has caused its emissions to be higher by 30 per cent by 2023".

The annual UNFCCC meetings of countries, popularly known as the Conference of Parties (COP), for finding common ground on climate mitigation efforts have mostly ended in stalemate. The last one at Baku, Azerbaijan (November 2024) ended acrimoniously over climate funding. In this COP, a few African nations called on India to drop its "developing nation" tag as it is the fifth-largest economy with a large market to draw climate-related investments.

The UNFCCC, a non-binding, "toothless" agreement between nations, is left poorer after the exit of the world's most powerful economy. It is now left to other nations to find a way out of the greenhouse gas emission conundrum. Amongst climate scientists and people associated with this sector, there is a view that the UNFCCC is now a thing of the past or has to undergo major reforms to progress, where science-based decision-making will take precedence, backed by a legally binding process.

Climate research seems increasingly ignored or sidestepped as the global economy faces instability, with uncertain trends impacting markets and countries. In such a state of economic flux, no country (developed or developing) wants to slip and fall through the cracks. It has to take care of its economic interests first.

The US, with a gargantuan federal credit bill in excess of $36 trillion, has to fall back on its vast fossil fuel reserves to boost its economy and ramp up renewable energy capacity. India, in an earlier COP meeting, had stated that it was not in a position to abandon its reliance on coal for electricity generation. At least for the next two decades, coal will remain the backbone of the Indian energy system, with consumption slated to peak between 2030 and 2035. India is also on track to meet its installed renewable energy capacity target of 500 gigawatts by 2030. But coal will remain in power, and emissions will increase — and with this, there will be a rising concern of air pollution, especially in North India.

China remains by far the largest consumer of coal while at the same time leapfrogging in green energy capacity. The country has a vice-like grip on raw materials, processing, and production in the renewable sector. Catching up with China will not be easy. As energy and economic security take centre stage, climate mitigation will only happen when the top economies up their game.

An interesting player to watch out for, of course, is China. The country's carbon emissions are said to peak this year, much earlier than its 2030 target. Hopefully, as China's emissions plateau, global warming may get a breather. Although the country hasn't yet talked about phasing out coal, it gives a sliver of hope for getting closer to the target set by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by around 40% by 2030 compared to 2019 levels to limit the further rise from 1.5 °C. However, to add a note of caution: All these calculations can go haywire because we do not know the loss and damage that will be unleashed due to extreme weather. There is no immediate relief in sight.

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{ SUNDAY SENTIMENTS }



Karan Thapar

Close encounters on London Underground

Its official name is the London Underground, but everyone calls it the tube because that's what it looks like. But, actually, when you see one of the trains emerge out of a tunnel, I'd say, a comparison to toothpaste would be more apt! Anyway, that's what I thought when I saw my first tube at the age of 16. I was at Victoria station, having just disembarked from the airport coach, with two enormous boxes on either side. Believe it or not, but the Air India flight from Delhi was two hours early and Kiran, my sister, with whom I had come to stay, was taken completely by surprise.

"Take the coach from Heathrow and then the tube to Bond Street" were her crisp instructions. "I'll be at the other end."

Bond Street was around the corner from Kiran's office but for me, new to London and both excited and anxious, it was a name from Monopoly. The mass of people was startling. They seemed in a hurry but also very businesslike. Whilst the few who were lounging around, with spiky hair and broad bell bottoms, appeared disconcertingly mod. In my grey flannels and ill-fitting school blazer, I knew I looked like the outsider I felt I was.

It was in the middle of this reverie that the train appeared. A rumble from the tunnel heralded its imminence. The others recognised the sound and prepared for its arrival. Since I was new and unfamiliar, I continued to stare at things uncomprehendingly.

"Cummon mate," someone shouted at me. The train doors had opened, and people were rushing in. But I was grappling with my boxes. When I grabbed both I had no arms left for my hand luggage. And if I tried to tuck the smaller pieces under them, I could no longer lift the boxes.

"You could certainly do with a hand," the voice continued. "Maybe even two or three!"

It belonged to a man I presumed to be in his fifties. He had on a cloth cap, looked unshaven and his clothes were unkempt. Perhaps he also smelt. Ordinarily, I would not have spoken to him. In fact, in later years, I would deliberately move away from others who resembled his type. I thought of them as tramps and would observe them from a distance out of the corner of my eye. My distaste would have been obvious.

But on this June morning, things were different. I was young, in need of help and not yet a snob. More importantly, the man had grabbed my boxes – and some of my hand luggage too - and hauled them onto the tube. As the doors shut behind us, he turned and smiled. His teeth were stained and several were missing.

"Did it!" he exclaimed. "But it was a close thing."

I was gauche and still scared of strangers. He was unused to making small talk. So, we travelled in silence. But after the second stop, he looked at me and asked, "Where to mate?"

He heard my answer with a nod before turning to look out of the window. All you can see from a tube are the black walls of the tunnel, but he stared at them with mesmeric fascination.

I was dreading the end of the journey. How would I get my luggage off? But when the train approached Bond Street, I found the man had picked up the boxes before I could.

ITS OFFICIAL NAME IS THE LONDON UNDERGROUND, BUT EVERYONE CALLS IT THE TUBE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. BUT, ACTUALLY, WHEN YOU SEE ONE OF THE TRAINS EMERGE OUT OF A TUNNEL, I'D SAY, A COMPARISON TO TOOTHPASTE WOULD BE MORE APT

"You take the smaller stuff," he chortled. "More your size!"

He escorted me to the end of the platform. "There you are," he said. "Good luck."

Then he doubled back to wait for the next tube heading in the same direction. We never met again, and I don't think I thanked him properly. But for me, he has become an example of the sort of happy encounter one can expect on the underground. They prove that people are rarely what they seem. And, yes, that first impression can be very wrong.

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The changing tracks of romance of trains



For millions of Indians who could never travel abroad and associate a pencil-like train engine with prosperity, Vande Bharat is like a trip abroad. HT PHOTO

A side-lower berth in a long-distance train is the best place to see India. It gives a 55-inch panoramic view of the hinterland, a charging point, and ample space to stretch your legs, but not enough to sleep well. Hence, it's the business class of trains, with the added possibility of some random person walking away with your slippers for a visit to the toilet.

Our colonisers constructed most of our railway stations on the outskirts of towns back in the 1800s. Since then, cities have grown around these. So, when a train enters a city, it goes through the entire cross-section to reach its heart — the railway station. It passes through its bazaars, mosques, temples, and railway *phaataks* (level crossings) where bikers wait impatiently for the train to pass.



Abhishek Asthana

You read shop boards, sex clinic ads on walls, and random inscriptions to figure out which city it is, racing against time to guess the city before the train draws close to the platform and signages reveal the name. The name is painted on a stone plaque, black on yellow. The moment it's revealed, there is commotion in the train. Coolies, *pheriwalas*, passengers who need to disembark, passengers who need to board, your dad with his compulsive urge to get down and fill all the water bottles during the two-minute stop, one guy who claims that the *poori sabji* is famous here, everybody is suddenly active.

Leaving the platform, the train passes through the old city. The sun is about to set, a field appears where kids are playing cricket. The bowler takes his run-up, and you press your face against the window rails to see what happens. But the train charges ahead before you could see how the batsman fared. That delivery is forever lost. There are no replays here. That's how a train journey teases you.

As the train catches speed, it goes past little houses on either side of the tracks. The open doors give you a glimpse into the lives and times of their occupants. With just that one snapshot, you get to know what's playing on their TV, the stickers on their *almirah*, the neatly arranged steel utensils in their kitchen, and a calendar hung on the wall. You wistfully compare their life to yours. Train windows give one a guilt-free pass to voyeurism.

People who have lived near the tracks surely must get a bit poetic. It's like seeing thousands of faces every hour, faces that you will never see in your life again. Some eyes will stick, difficult to forget. You can stare at their faces, without fear of any social awkwardness. It's raw.

Soon, it's dark, and the window has served its utility. Apart from some distant lights, it has only darkness to offer, with your face reflected in the glass. Time to pull the shutter down. Also, you are hungry. A train is like a cradle, rocks you slowly, aids digestion and improves sleep. Hence, you get hungry more often. Time to open the Tupperware for some *poori aloo*.

You proceed to peel *pooris* off each other and discover that solitary slice of mango pickle buried beneath the *poori* stack. Sigh. it doesn't take long to polish it off though.

Even the cold *poori aloo* tastes great, thanks to the Maillard reaction between the sugars and the amino acids: A science factoid is thrown at you by an uncle sitting nearby, a chemistry professor. You acknowledge this, *poori* stuffed in your mouth. Then you wait for his kid to return your slippers so that you can go wash your hands. Uncle takes this opportunity to talk about how the observable universe has changed since 2014. This is a train thing to do. Long hours of nothing. While the phone is getting charged, fellow passengers become a joint family. Food and political opinion are shared in equal measure, you are even sized up for potential matrimonial match, especially if you have a government job. Long-distance trains are like the show *Bigg Boss*.

Then, it's time to sleep, and the herculean task of hoisting the middle berth looms. Consent of all seated must be sought. This is the only time democracy works to achieve something meaningful efficiently. One of the few times I felt useful as a kid was when I would quickly unhook the chain and fasten it to slots while my father lifted the middle berth.

Middle berth in the second class is unique; it shares 10% of the window, giving a peek to the kid pressing his face against it, or a chance to experience the wind in his hair. As it approaches a station, the yellow warm light of the outside grazes past your face periodically. You drift off. Bliss.

Times have changed. The Vande Bharat is slowly taking over. For millions of Indians who could never travel abroad, who always associated a sharp pencil-like train engine with prosperity and development, it is like that trip abroad. Vande Bharat is a blockbuster. The side lower berth is being re-designed. The train romantics and their families have taken to the airways.

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{ ENGENDER }



Lalita Panicker

Making gender count in procurement policy

Women-led development is now a focus area in most gender-inclusive social and welfare schemes. For this. one of the crucial sectors that need promotion is women-oriented businesses (WOBs). Procurement is key to the success of WOBs, yet internationally, women's businesses receive 1% of procurement spending, as per WECONNECT International.

In India, WOBs make up about 15% of enterprises, but their share in procurement opportunities hovers at about 1.2%. Structural inequalities ensure that women's businesses, especially those from the lower-income segments, are unable to access opportunities in public and private procurement or, at best, remain disproportionately represented at the lowest tiers of the supply chain.

A study by ACCESS Development Services — Gender Responsive Public Procurement: Need for Accelerated Policy Action — found that despite policies aimed at providing assured markets, women-owned enterprises (WOEs) face substantial barriers to accessing opportunities. These challenges can arise not only from within the enterprises themselves (supply-side) but also from the procurement system and the broader business context (demand-side). In India, 12.2 million women entrepreneurs own 20% of the country's non-farm enterprises; however, 90% of these are informal, struggling to scale up, indeed survive, due to gender-based biases in accessing finance, business skills and training, and markets. This means women entrepreneurs often encounter greater difficulties in securing financing than their male counterparts. This disparity arises from issues such as insufficient collateral, limited credit history, and discriminatory lending practices, increasing the perceived risk in lending to this segment and, in turn, increasing the cost of borrowing for WOEs. The 2019 Global Entrepreneurship Monitor reports that women are 20% less likely to secure bank loans than men. This financial constraint limits their capacity to invest in necessary infrastructure, technology, and resources required for fulfilling public procurement contracts. This includes limited knowledge of procurement regulations, bid preparation, and compliance requirements. Limited access to modern technology and inadequate business infrastructure hinder the participation of WOEs in e-procurement platforms.

The Public Procurement Bill, yet to be enacted, lacks robust clauses that enforce gender inclusivity, thereby perpetuating the status quo. Traditional procurement practices often favour larger, established enterprises over smaller WOEs. For example, practices that demand significant financial records and substantial performance bonds create hurdles for WOEs.

The absence of strong advocacy for gender-responsive procurement further entrenches the systemic barriers faced by WOEs. Without comprehensive data, it is challenging to measure progress or identify gaps in the inclusion of WOEs. A report by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) highlighted that most municipal bodies do not collect or publish disaggregated data on the gender of business owners participating in procurement processes. This lack of transparency hampers efforts to assess the effectiveness of gender-responsive procurement initiatives. Vipin Sharma, CEO of the ACCESS Development Services says, "Although India mandates 3% procurement from women-led businesses, the government continues to procure far less. In order for women enterprises to benefit, it's critical to explore how the policy can be better operationalised."

Many steps can be taken to create a more level playing field for women. Government ministries and departments could be incentivised to buy from women. There could be faster approval processes for gender-inclusive procurement, and joint bidding could be enabled on portals. Small-scale women entrepreneurs should be enabled to partner with city or state chambers of commerce to give them a wider platform for procurement. These are just a few measures that can help women enter the marketplace with greater ease and confidence. Much more can and needs to be done to make women count in procurement.

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{ SUNDAY LETTERS }

Lessons for AAP from Delhi polls

This is with reference to "*What explains the big BJP win in the Capital*" by Neelanjan Sircar (Feb 9). These results must serve as a wake-up call for all parties involved. The AAP needs to ensure that it doesn't just become a victim of internal turmoil and corruption charges but revives its once-promising trajectory.

Sanjay Chopra

BJP's electoral dominance in Delhi

This is with reference to "*The revolution will not be subsidised*" by Roshan Kishore (Feb 9). The BJP's win in Delhi highlights its electoral machinery's strength. It course corrected and outmanoeuvred its opponents.

Neha Sharma

Limits of welfarism

This is with reference to "*How the AAP lost its plot and office in Delhi*" by Rahul Verma (Feb 9). The Delhi election underscores that governance matters. Welfare alone won't sustain power—performance and perception shape electoral outcomes.

Karthik Shetty

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Madhavan Nair Rajeevan

Cloud atlas

'Climate change is making the mysterious Indian monsoon harder to predict,' says Rajeevan. His new book tracks the shift over 50 years, to explore the tech we need to acquire, the models we need to build. As this massive weather system changes, we must find ways to track it. There is simply too much at stake, he says

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Just as scientists around the world were beginning to understand the complex and mysterious Indian monsoon — one of the most powerful weather systems in the world — "we've been hit with climate change, which makes understanding it all the more complicated," says Madhavan Nair Rajeevan, 63.

If there were ever a time for an updated reference book on the summer monsoon, he adds, it is now.

Rajeevan — who has been studying the monsoon for nearly 40 years, retired as secretary with the union ministry of earth sciences, and is currently vice-chancellor of Atria University, Bengaluru — has co-authored such a book, due out this month.

South Asian Summer Monsoon has been written with Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, 60, a researcher at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), and Arindam Chakraborty, 53, a professor at the Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

The book draws on new science from the past five decades, picking up where Southwest Monsoon, written by meteorologist YP Rao in 1976, left off, and analyses more than 1,000 research papers, hypotheses, and climate models to offer an easy-to-access primer on current understandings of this monsoons system and how it is changing.

The idea was to keep the book simple enough for everyone to engage with, because the monsoon is something that affects us all, Rajeevan says.

Excerpts from an interview.

What's the most interesting thing you learnt, early on, about the monsoon?

That variability in rainfall within a day can be a result of the sun's movements.

During the day, convection is higher (hot air rises; cool air rushes in to take its place). As surface temperature rises, air pressure drops, causing precipitation — and that's one of the reasons hot and humid parts of India get more rain in the afternoons.

Lately, we have figured out the matter of decadal variability too. We have 30- to 40-year cycles of what are considered good and bad monsoons. These, it turns out, are driven by seasonal sea-surface temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean.

You began to focus on the monsoon in 1994...

I initially worked on tropical cyclones and climate-change issues, when I joined the India Meteorological Department in 1986.

Then, in 1994, the long-range monsoon forecast failed. I was asked to work with the seasonal forecasting group to find ways to make such predictions more accurate.

By 2006, our group of researchers had created the daily rainfall data set that is still used today. It is a daily, 100-km-grid rainfall dataset that consolidates raw data and missing data, and is accessible to anyone studying weather patterns. In 2007, we also developed a statistical monsoon forecasting system. All this has helped make seasonal forecasting more reliable.

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India now uses more-dynamic mathematical modelling systems too. But no prediction can be perfect. Because the internal mechanisms of the monsoon are still poorly understood. It remains a complex mystery. And that is a handicap.

How does it feel, to see this giant weather system altered as a result of human activity?

The monsoon is so important for our survival. It affects food, economy, health, energy, GDP.

We have studied it for decades, with the understanding that if we can predict, it will help us prepare. But now, climate change has added a new dimension to this variability, which we don't yet understand.

While the basic principles of physics remain the same, the interactions between the physical systems — temperature, pressure, winds, clouds, etc — are changing because of global warming.

That can really complicate monsoon forecasting. It can keep us from understanding why certain things are happening. That is my main concern.

Our models indicate that the monsoon will intensify further in the near future. But so will the variability.

Will the models be able to pick this up and help us prepare, or not? That is the question.

What can we expect in the immediate future?

We've always had a robust monsoon and will continue to have one. But data from the last 50 years shows increased intensity in bursts. This has led to more flash floods and landslides, in recent years.

The dry spells over the Indo-Gangetic plains have also increased. Earlier, they used to last eight to ten days. Now they stretch over 12 to 15 days. During this time, the Western Ghats also sees reduced rainfall.

Onset is occurring a week later in the plains. Once the monsoon gets there, there are now heavier rains and longer dry spells.

The total quantity of rainfall in a season will likely remain relatively unchanged in the near future. But how we receive that rainfall will continue to change.

What will it take to better track the change?

We need to do a lot of modelling studies ourselves, and not just rely on and analyse the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) models.

We need to study the physical processes at a granular level, which is being done to a certain extent, but certainly not enough.

We need to study whether the El Nino-Indian monsoon relationship will change, and if so, what kind of relationship it will be.

Further, clouds still remain a cloudy issue in all existing mathematical models. We have not really understood how the clouds are going to behave — whether it's current clouds or future clouds.

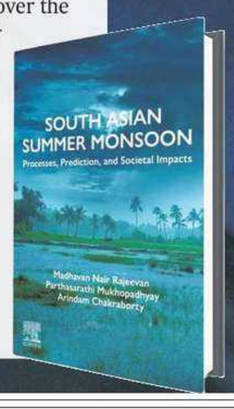
You've said we need to focus on hyperlocal details too...

We don't have enough minute studies on the impacts of climate change. What will happen to specific rivers in the Himalayas? What will happen to the Ganga?

We need more impact studies and in-depth research papers. We need more minute observations with weather radar and wind profilers, especially over the oceans. We need more and more satellite observations. We need huge computing resources, with AI and machine learning acting as key tools in weather forecasting, for which we need huge GPU-based computers.

We need more ground observations at the panchayat level. We need at least 20 times more data from here than we are currently collecting.

As far as India is concerned, as far as South Asia is concerned, the monsoon in particular is a red-button issue. We don't have any control over these natural systems. The least we can do is attempt to understand them in depth.



1 The Indian monsoon remains as robust, but data shows increased intensity in bursts. How we receive our rain is changing, says Madhavan Nair Rajeevan, 63. "We will need to change how we do things, if we want to forecast it accurately in an era of climate change."

2 There will need to be more micro studies, the wider use of weather radar and wind profilers over the oceans, more satellite observations, huge computing resources, and at least 20 times more data collected at the ground level, he adds.

3 "This can at least help us prepare," says the co-author of the book South Asian Summer Monsoon: Processes, Prediction, and Societal Impacts, written with Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, 60, and Arindam Chakraborty, 53.

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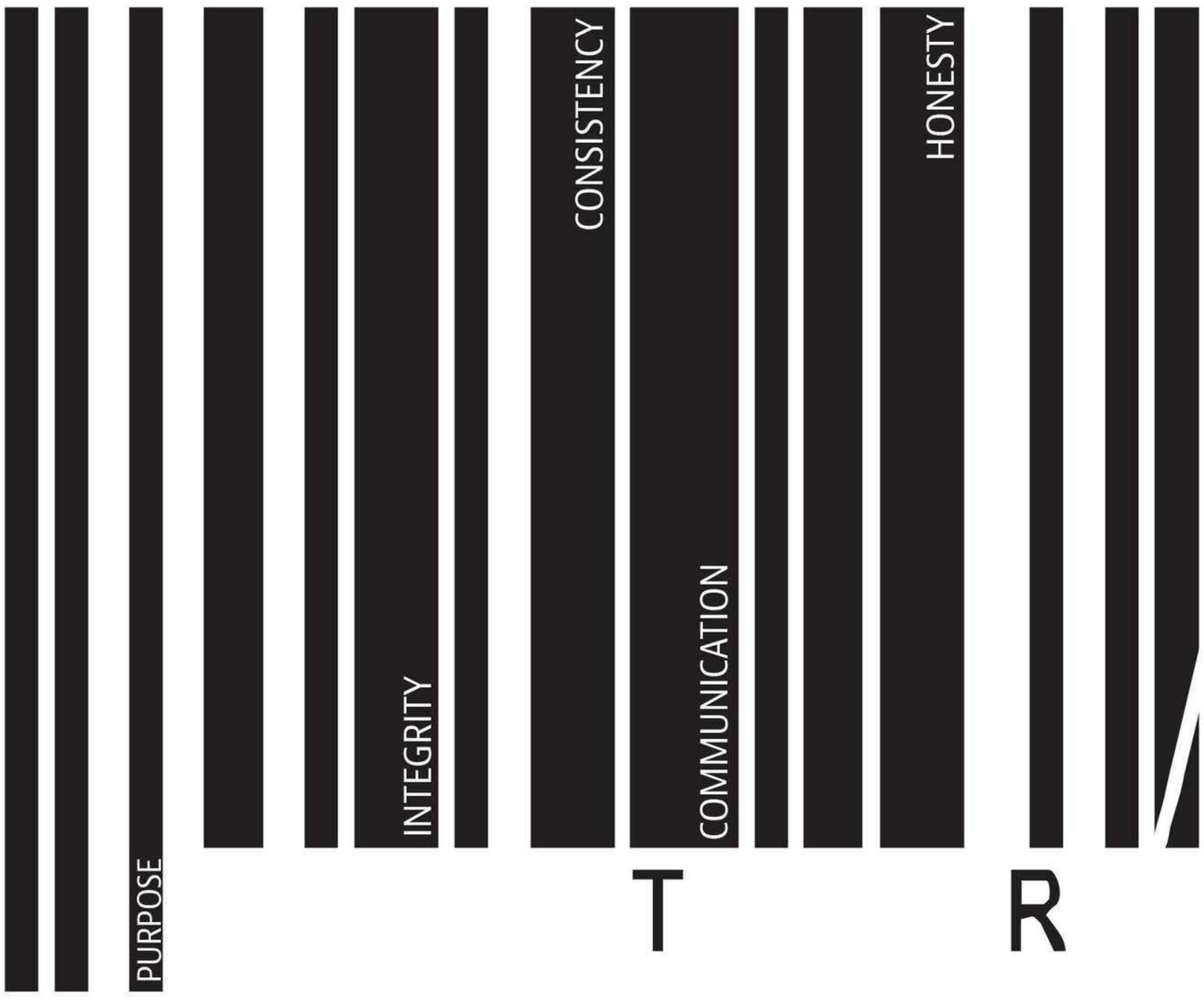


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The Gandhi brand

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"Are you saying that our revered corporate name is just a brand," a senior director asked me once, as I was presenting a corporate ad campaign to a large conglomerate. The question wasn't one to be scoffed at.

A brand is often equated with products, such as soaps and shampoos, chips and condoms, that exist in generic clusters, distinguishable only by superficial markers such as packaging and positioning.

As the singer Adele succinctly put it, in an interview with Time magazine a decade ago, "I don't like that word. It makes me sound like a fabric softener, or a packet of crisps. I'm not that." And yet, we live in an age of branding. Everything and everyone is looking to "build a brand".

What makes a great one? Management experts will say it starts with a strong core, made up of purpose, mission, conviction, originality.

Arguably, no Indian brand has a stronger core than that of Mahatma Gandhi.

In 2014, a survey by market-research company TRA revealed that Gandhi topped the list of most trusted personalities in India — nearly 70 years after his death.

How did he manage this?

Following years of research as a brand strategist, I have concluded that the Gandhi brand became and remains iconic because it has abiding truths at its core, and these were upheld — and communicated — effectively and extensively.

It is important to add a disclaimer here that Gandhi was not trying to "build a brand". The image did not come first. Instead, he dedicated his life to a chosen mission, a mass movement against colonialism, and recognised that success would hinge on upholding and effectively communicating the core values of that mission.

In doing so, he left imprints in history. It is these that continue to show up.

The icons by which he came to be known — his spectacles, dhoti, walking stick, and the words he lived by — still evoke trust, and still inspire and influence.

Gandhi worked hard to present his brand to the public through his writings. As the historian Ramachandra Guha puts it, in Makers of Modern India (2010), any anthologist of Gandhi's writings is spoilt for choice. There are more than 90 volumes by him to explore. He also set up his own publications, including Indian Opinion, Young India and Harijan.

His literary style was in line with the values that shaped his brand: honesty, simplicity, transparency.

A key thread

Gandhi, more than anyone else of his time, I would argue, understood the power of symbols.

British anthropologist Emma Tarlo, in her 1996 book Clothing Matters: Dress and Identity in India, observes that his sartorial choices were radical for not only were they an attempt to refashion the self, they also simultaneously reshaped the massive textile industry, a pillar of colonial rule in India.

In the simple yet revolutionary step of advocating that Indians make their own clothing, he reclaimed the socioeconomic fabric of a nation, and then reshaped it.

As he wrote in his autobiography, The Story of My Experiments with Truth (1927): "landing in Bombay, I had a Kathiawadi suit... consisting of a shirt, a dhoti, a cloak and a white scarf all made from Indian mill cloth. But as I was to travel third class from Bombay, I regarded the scarf and the cloak as too much of an incumbrance, so I shed them and invested in an eight to ten annas Kashmiri cap. One dressed in that fashion was sure to pass muster as a poor man."

Gandhi, eventually, fixed on the garb of a poor, rural farmer, a sage or a medicant — a man who was one with the common people.

Embodied in this dress (an outfit anyone could afford; and an outfit he would not alter, no matter what the event or audience), were symbols of self-sufficiency, independence, simplicity, national pride, strength.

In this way, he achieved the almost-impossible in the world of branding: he managed to be both approachable and venerated at the same time.

New portals

Where he lived would become a symbol too, and a core extension of the brand.

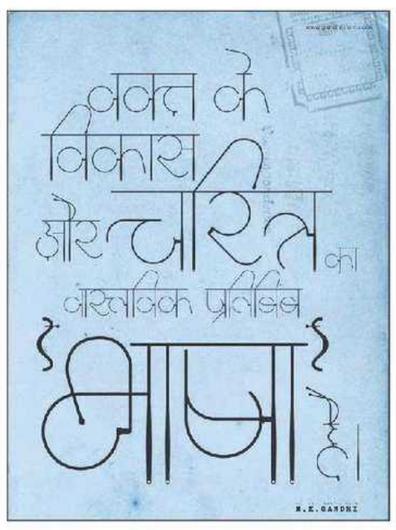
It is easy to forget that Sabarmati Ashram sits on a sprawling 36 acres of riverfront in Ahmedabad.

Gandhi had originally set up base about 10 minutes away, at Kocharab Bungalow, the home of a barrister friend. But he wanted his base to represent his ideal lifestyle, which involved farming, animal husbandry, spinning yarn and space for a large shifting population of visitors and collaborators.

So, in 1916, he and his nephew Maganlal Gandhi pooled their resources and donations to buy a plot for an ashram. Ownership was later transferred to a trust.

The use of "ashram" (Hindi for spiritual shelter) in the name, and the use of the land as a bustling agrarian homestead, immediately took what could have been viewed as the base of a powerful leader, and turned it into a community space open to all — run by a freedom fighter who was also a farmer and made his own clothes.

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WHAT REALLY MAKES THE GANDHI BRAND ICONIC IS THAT IT HAS ABIDING TRUTHS AT ITS CORE, UPHELD AND COMMUNICATED EFFECTIVELY. CRUCIALLY... THE IMAGE WAS NOT THE GOAL. THE MISSION CAME FIRST

How it ads up

The emergence of a brand around Gandhi was, in many ways, inevitable.

The larger-than-life ideals he espoused, combined with the scale of his mission — and his incredible ability to simplify that mission, communicate it and make it seem attainable — gave him a hyper-real image that was, at the same time, relatable and appealed to every demographic (including large parts of the British public).

His movement was fundamentally inclusive. He didn't seek to surround himself only with people who dressed like him or spoke like him, or even agreed with him entirely.

All this worked to create what is regarded, in branding terms, as a halo. Decades later, the halo has held. There are those who disagree with elements of his approach; as there were in his own time. But no one who can say he didn't live his philosophy; or that his philosophy isn't an ideal one.

For this reason, anyone who has been in the world of advertising in India a certain number of years, will have used his image or his words, at some point, to bolster a brand.

In my case, it was an ad I helped create for Tata Finance, in 1997, while at FCB Ulka. Tata Finance was seeking to promote its home and vehicle loans. Using an image of Gandhi striding during the Dandi March, the slogan drew on words attributed to him: "Find Purpose. The means will follow."

For my friend KV Sridhar, erstwhile chief creative officer at Leo Burnett, it was a font inspired by Gandhi's spectacles. The font was released in 2010, to mark the Mahatma's 141st birth anniversary.

Icons for sale?

The use of Gandhi's ideas and icons in branding is, to be honest, problematic. There are, arguably, ways to do it right.

One of my favourites is the Gujarat-based tea company Wagh Bakri (Tiger Goat), founded by Gandhi-admirer Narandas Desai.





(From left) The Gandhi-inspired font created by Leo Burnett. The ill-advised Montblanc pen. The logo of the tea company Wagh Bakri.

He wanted his brand to represent harmony; but presumably did not want to cash in on the words or imagery of the Mahatma himself. So he named his tea after what should be natural enemies.

In the original logo, the tiger and goat drink from one trough, while a rather muscular man joyfully holds up a cup of tea.

Most attempts are less subtle, and some struggle to make the connection between brand and icon.

In 1997, for instance, Steve Jobs oversaw a campaign that sought to promote Apple as the latest in a long line of icons united by the ideal: Think Different. The ad showcased 17 people. Gandhi was one of them.

As author Salman Rushdie wrote in Time magazine the following year, it was odd to see that "Even the greatest of the dead may summarily be drafted into... ad campaigns". This bony man stood against imperialism and the endless rush towards modern tools, Rushdie added. Was it fair that he should have ended up in an ad for Apple?

Perhaps the most egregious use of the Gandhi brand was an effort by Montblanc, in 2009, to launch limited-edition Mahatma Gandhi pens. In India, each would be priced at Rs 1 lakh.

The pens came in gold and silver variants, with metres of these precious metals woven around them, apparently in a tribute to Gandhi's practice of weaving his own clothes! Thankfully, a petition was filed in an Indian court and Montblanc withdrew the product.

The us in trust

Are there lessons to be learnt from all this, in how a brand can be built to last? I have drawn five from my research in this niche.

First, it takes time, conviction and commitment. There is no alternative. The brands that endure are those that know themselves, have a larger mission, and remain true to it.

Second, a good brand is built from the inside out. Gandhi evolved, and changed his opinions on certain issues (as all wise people do). He made concessions where he believed they served the larger mission. In each decision, however, one sees an adherence to the larger, unshakeable goals: freedom, truth, simplicity, harmony.

Third, there is no substitute for good communication. Craft the message, let it be a worthy one, and never stop repeating it.

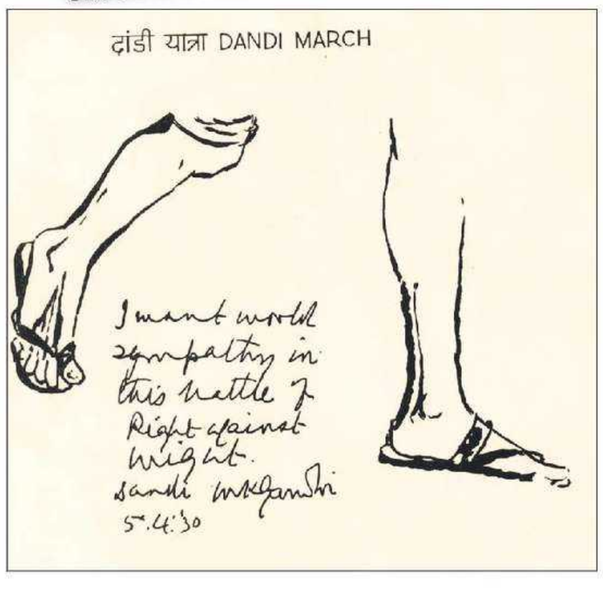
Fourth, pick powerful symbols. This is what corporate social responsibility was meant to help companies do. Rather than finding grand missions, however, many companies simply choose the path of least resistance, and prime opportunities are wasted.

Fifth, be brave. Venture into areas that are not easy to navigate. Stand apart.

(Ambi Parameswaran is a brand strategist and best-selling author of 11 books. His latest, All The World's A Stage, is a personal branding story)



(From below left) Gandhi stamps issued in South Africa, Mauritius, Grenada and the cover of a special edition of Gandhi stamps issued in India.



{ MULTI-STORY PLANS } PERSONAL BRANDING

What makes up the shape of you?

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When Chris Martin visited Mumbai, he didn't just show up, strum his guitar and leave. The Coldplay frontman gave a masterclass in how to be remembered.

He visited the city's iconic Babulnath temple. Took a boat from Gateway of India to the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. During the concert, he talked about posters, street art and slogans that he had seen around the city.

He said things that were designed to resonate, and was seen out and about, engaging with the place. Meanwhile, Ed Sheeran came, performed, remained largely invisible outside his gig venues (except for a low-key attempt at busking in Bengaluru).

Where Sheeran's visit didn't leave a distinct impression, Martin and his team choreographed each of several outings, aiming for peak visibility.

That's the difference powerful personal branding can make.

How one dresses and speaks, and who one turns up for and why, are all factors that contribute to the effect, says Amith Prabhu, co-founder of the PRomise Foundation.

Whether by design or accident, we are all constantly shaping how we are viewed, by family, friends, colleagues and strangers. There are some who believe they do not need, or want, such fripperies. But that's a kind of personal branding too.

Beyond the visible markers, intention and conviction most clearly define how we are seen, and remembered.

Do you know exactly what you're doing, and why?

Find that sense of purpose and mission and commit to it, and one ends up not just with a personal brand, but with a path to the larger goal: a personal legacy, says brand consultant Karthik Srinivasan.

Elevated purpose and authenticity are what made Mahatma Gandhi perhaps India's most effective personal brand. His charkha, spectacles, dhoti and walking stick weren't just symbols of his lifestyle; they were designed to inspire and influence, and still do.

(Below) Gandhi's spectacles, by themselves, are the logo of the Swachh Bharat Mission. (Bottom) A still from the Richard Attenborough film, Gandhi (1982).

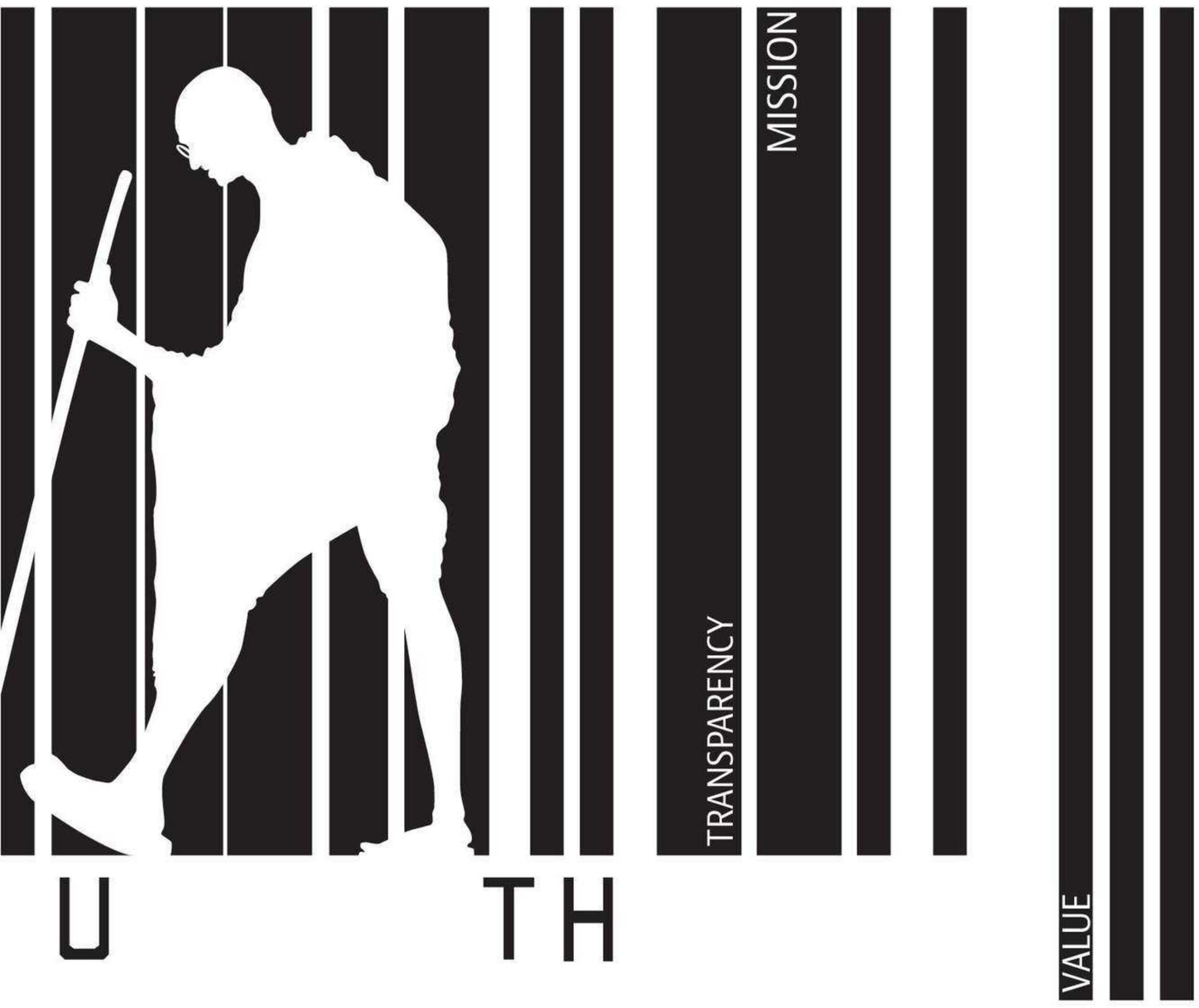
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Pick your window wisely

A good personal brand begins with a solid core, made up of one's most closely held values (self-sufficiency, kindness, family, contribution to community, as the case



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may be). As one builds a life around these values, managing the brand effectively involves communicating just enough about the mission, mainly through one's actions and choices.

Don't overdo it, Srinivasan warns. Don't pander. That's the mistake many influencers make.

"Think of a house with 100 windows," he says. Open them all at one go and the world outside perceives utter chaos. But thoughtfully open five or six, and they convey a clear picture of what lies within.

Get it wrong, and one ends up with a brand that is well-recognised and has a clear identity — but as untrustworthy, undesirable or even absurd.

One of India's most prominent industrialists, for instance, has a strong presence on social media and posts on subjects ranging from business and education to trite peans on poverty and hardship and WhatsApp forwards of uncertain origin and veracity.

It is unclear what he stands for; it often seems like he speaks only to be noticed, rather than because he has something to convey. It takes a behemoth like the one he heads, to withstand such blows. Even so, the lack of focus from one of its key leaders dilutes the brand.

Clout computing

Why does any of this matter? Perception can open or close doors. It can give job-seekers an edge, help entrepreneurs attract investors, and allow professionals to build valuable networks. The alternatives are being invisible or, worse, being remembered for the wrong reasons.

Many of today's social-media influencers can be grouped in that last category. They are content to be entertaining, at the risk of credibility.

They can talk about cars or food or fashion without knowing much about these subjects, and are glad to appear foolish if it means more views (and revenues).

But, as they often complain, they cannot slow down or pause. And this is because their mission goes no deeper.

There is nothing of substance for their audience to remember or return to; no value they have created in the world.

That seems like a kamikaze way of life to me: to live via a series of frantic 15-second Reels, until one simply disappears.

Choice, not chance

What of those who are busy, productive, ambitious, but aren't focused on a personal brand?

If they stand out in a crowd, Prabhu says, they have been building a personal brand, even if unintentionally. Many check off the right boxes — mission, commitment, honesty, communication — without deliberately setting out to.

This, in effect, adds narrative to action, and that is the clearest way to stand out in a crowd. One sees this among athletes, musicians, business leaders, and in fact in almost any workplace. It is simple maths. Add narrative to action, and one ends up with more.

In our digital-first world, more than in any previous era, Srinivasan points out, the brand is out there taking shape, whether one acknowledges it or not. What does someone find when they google your name? Do you even know?

Gandhi didn't leave his image to chance. Neither did Chris Martin. And neither should you. The next time you tweet, post or even tell a joke, pause to ask: Does this reflect the person I want to be? Because a personal brand isn't just a calling card, it is one's reputation. And that's something that shouldn't be left to chance.

(Charles Assisi is co-founder at Founding Fuel & co-author of The Aadhaar Effect)

{ THE MAHATMA MARK } T-SHIRTS, STREET ART, RESTAURANT BILLS

Here, there, everywhere: Gandhi in your world

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THE MAHATMA'S CONCEPT OF SATYAGRAHA LIVES ON, IN PEACE MARCHES, CANDLE-LIT SIT-INS

His face is on every Indian currency note, a stamp of trust. He features on postage stamps, and in our road signs. Over and over, in the early years of independence, major cities christened streets or neighbourhoods after him (MG Road; Gandhinagar).

Children dress up as him at fancy-dress events. His words find their way into ad slogans and school assemblies, T-shirts and Instagram posts ("Live as if you were to die tomorrow").

His spectacles alone feature in campaigns, indicators of truth, purpose, dependability. They are the logo of the central government's Swachh Bharat (Clean India) Mission.

His message — of truth, non-violence, simplicity and self-reliance — turns up in conversations, debates, editorials, arguments about the idea of India; and in moral-science lessons in schools.

How else does he continue to permeate our daily lives?

Graffiti, murals, movies

Images of the Mahatma, and words attributed to him, feature in murals and fine art, on public walls and in graffiti. There are statues of Gandhi across India and as far away as Denmark, Austria, Spain and a beautiful memorial, a statue of his figure striding with tall stick, in Washington DC.

His story has been retold in films ranging from the award-winning Gandhi (1982) by Richard Attenborough to the Sanjay Dutt-starrer and box-office hit Lage Raho Munna Bhai (2006). His image, his words and his ideas are often used as plot-determiners in mainstream Bollywood: a reminder that Gandhi is watching as a villain does villainous deeds; a reminder to the man on the fence, the good can win in the end.

Non-violent protests

Gandhi's concept of satyagraha (non-violent resistance / civil disobedience) lives on, and continues to drive change. Peace marches, candle-lit sit-ins, even pride parades are variants of his idea that when people gather in large enough numbers to insist, "This is who we are, and this is what we want our world to look like", no force can withstand their power.

Khadi clothing

The hand-spun cloth that he popularised lives on, promoting ideals of self-reliance, sustainability and the dignity of labour. This original Make in India campaign turned the screws on an empire, and encouraged the wealthiest Indians to switch away from Parisian silks and Egyptian cottons. They remain statement fabrics, as a result of the movement he launched.

Parliament, politics

Before every session of Parliament, India's leaders visit Raj Ghat, the Gandhi memorial in Delhi, to pay tribute before proceedings begin. His vision of gram swaraj (village self-rule) is embedded in India's governance systems. Many politicians invoke his memory and his ideals (usually, it must be said, in entirely hollow ways), in attempts to ascribe to themselves ever-popular Gandhian values.

India's peace prize

The Gandhi Peace Prize is awarded annually by the Government of India to individuals or organisations that promote peace and non-violence. Winners include the Japanese businessman and philanthropist Yohei Sasakawa, head of The Nippon Foundation, for his efforts to eradicate leprosy around the world; and Julius Nyerere, the first President of Tanzania.

A running tab

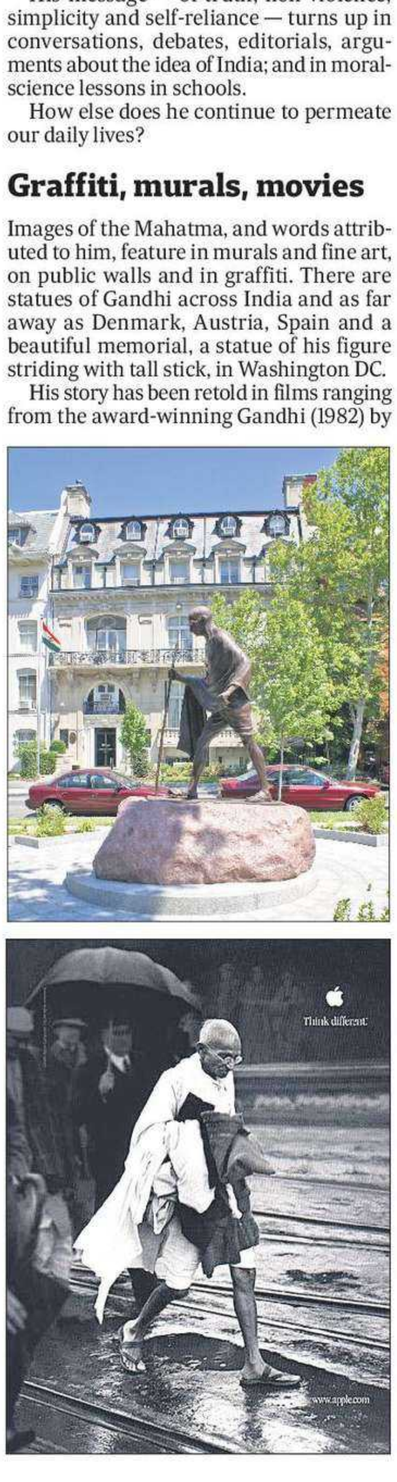
On a lighter note, in Tamil Nadu, a fight over an unfair bill may involve the words "Gandhi kanakku (Let Gandhi pay for it)".

The term dates to the Salt Satyagraha of 1930. As the nation banded together, people who were headed north to join the march were offered free meals at restaurants along the way.

Many restaurants followed this policy through the freedom struggle, offering free meals to those thronging protest sites and sit-ins. All the individual had to do was say "Add it to Gandhi's account". Today, it has become slang for: "That's absurd; you can't possibly expect me to pay."

C'est la vie. And Jai Hind.





(Right) A still from the controversial 1997 Apple 'Think Different' campaign. (Above right) The statue in Washington DC. GETTY IMAGES; WIKIMEDIA



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Defining moments

What links JRR Tolkien, dalgona coffee, and a red post box that still stands outside a home in Oxford? Well, lore, legend and just so many syllables. Check out the story of the Oxford English Dictionary, now in the midst of a Third-Edition overhaul

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Squid Game, social media and a coffee craze came together to contribute one of the newest words in the Oxford English Dictionary.

"Dalgona" was added in December.

The beverage (2 tbsp each of instant coffee, sugar and boiling water, whipped to a froth) caught on in South Korea but was invented in Macau. It became entirely unavoidable after it entered the world of K-dramas, and then the Korean Netflix series Squid Game.

It's "a perfect example of the speed with which users of English in different parts of the world... can create and disseminate new words which can later find their way into the pages of a dictionary," OED executive editor Danica Salazar said, in a statement.

Which makes today a particularly difficult time to be compiling a Third Edition.

Work on the TE began in the 1990s. The goal was to produce a fully updated text.

The First Edition, after all, was completed in 1928. And the Second Edition (1989) had been mainly a blend of texts (the First Edition and the Supplements of 1972-1986).

TE would be a complete overhaul, with researchers fanning out to seek out new words, new usages and new meanings.

By 2000, the work-in-progress Third Edition was available online. It continues to be updated every three months. The revisions are now 55% complete, but the last 25 years have been a balancing act, Fiona McPherson, a senior editor at OED, tells Wknd.

The biggest challenge is the sheer volume of material available now.

"Digitised versions of texts have undoubtedly made our job of language research easier," she says. "But with this comes the challenge of information overload — and the feeling that there could be important information just round the corner, or in a database that we haven't thought to search."

Meant to be

How *does* one track a language evolving so fast, around the world?

Unlike previous editions, TE draws on non-literary texts too, including wills, inventories, account books, diaries, journals and letters, as well as film and radio scripts, college yearbooks and social media.

Interestingly, OED has always been crowdsourced.

The dictionary has its roots in an 1857 proposal to compile a "New English Dictionary" that re-examined the language. The effort, backed by the Philological Society, a London-based organisation dedicated to the study of languages, was led by archbishop and poet Richard Chenevix Trench and philologists H Coleridge and F Furnivall.

They and a group of volunteers began to comb through English literature across centuries to put together a comprehensive index of words and their several meanings.

In 1879, Oxford University Press (OUP) agreed to publish the work, with James Murray as the dictionary's first chief editor. In 1885, Murray decided to extend the crowdsourcing effort, and installed a red post box outside his Oxford home (where it still stands), as an invitation for anyone to suggest a term that ought to be added.

The First Edition eventually spanned 10 volumes, 15,490 pages and 252,200 entries.

Experts consulted included linguists, lexicographers, historians, as well as notable niche collectors of objects ranging from ancient relics to pornography and erotica.

JRR Tolkien contributed time and effort to that First Edition. For a year, in 1919, he researched etymologies of words that began with "w", ranging from waggle to warlock (before moving on to serve as a professor of language and literature at Oxford; the Lord of the Rings books came later, in the 1950s).

Once upon a term

The earliest dictionaries did things fairly differently.

A Table Alphabeticall (1604), one of the first such compilations in English, sought to tackle only "hard words" such as oppilation (stopping) and noyance (hurt). It was put together by schoolmaster Robert Cawdrey.

By 1785, British reserve-force captain Francis Grose had compiled an early dictionary of slang. It listed colourful terms he overheard on late-night excursions around London. "Admiral of the narrow seas", it noted, was someone who drunkenly vomited into the lap of another person. A hanging was "a dance upon nothing".

By 1984, American-British journalist and author Bill Bryson had released his Dictionary of Troublesome Words, hoping to settle debates over whether it should be "fewer than 10%" or "less than"; "more money than her" or "than she".

In 1983, computer scientist Guy Steele's The Hacker's Dictionary refocused the language on a new world of technology. So, "barf" now meant an error message; "crock" was a messy programming technique.

The idea of the dictionary rather took off, from there. By 1985, linguist Marc Okrand had released a guide to Klingon, the language invented for the sci-fi TV series Star Trek (which first aired in 1966).

In 2011, writer Stephen D Rogers put together words from more than 100 such constructed languages, including Elvish (created by Tolkien for The Lord of the Rings) and Na'vi (created by Paul Frommer for the 2009 James Cameron film Avatar).

Things came full circle in 2016.

To mark the birth centenary of the British author Roald Dahl (1916-1990), OUP released the Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary, compiled by lexicographer Susan Rennie. It explained, for a new generation, nonsense terms such as "swashboggling" (very special), "scrumdiddlyumptious" (supremely delicious food) and "flushbunking" (making no sense whatsoever).

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FOR A YEAR, IN 1919, JRR TOLKIEN WORKED ON THE FIRST EDITION, RESEARCHING WORDS THAT BEGAN WITH 'W', RANGING FROM WAGGLE TO WARLOCK

{ THE SPORTING LIFE }

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Can we make room for art in football?

Data has taken over, at the cost of flair and artistry. Can the game balance the two?

When was the last time you saw a football player charge at defenders, doing double, triple or quadruple step-overs.

This was a defining element of the game, in the eras of Cristiano Ronaldo, Zinedine Zidane and Ronaldinho (with added samba hip movements, in his case).

The charge was guaranteed to bring a stadium alive and send a thrill through those watching on TV. It is pretty much extinct in the new age of "structured" football.

The fade of the step-over is just one sign of a bigger change, as Spanish footballer-turned-manager Cesc Fabregas has said.

In a recent interview with BBC, he added: "The training methodology has changed... Coaches tell you exactly how they want you to play... The kind of freedom I had, no player can have now."

It is ironic that the shift Fabregas describes was brought about largely by the man under whom he played for nearly a decade: former Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger.

It was Wenger who began the data revolution in football, in the 1990s. For many years after he introduced the concept of using data collection and analysis to help make tactical decisions, the approach remained restricted to the top clubs. Now, such technology has been democratised and is in use by clubs and teams at all levels.

The incredible long-term success of managers such as Pep Guardiola has meant that their strategies and methodology have also been available for dissection and analysis, for more than a decade. The result is that the strategies have become formulae, and the formulae have become common knowledge.

Of course, evolutions in the game were inevitable. And as evolutions go, this isn't a bad one. Structure brings efficiency; efficiency yields better results. But where is the room, in any of that, for art?

As Kingsley Coman, the France and Bayern Munich player, put it in a recent interview: "We need to be way more efficient... but then you can't give joy."

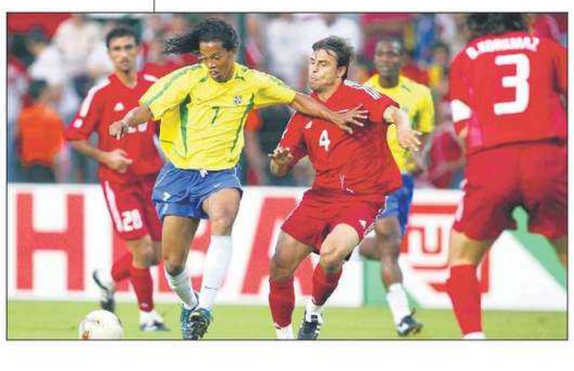
Coman goes on to make an insightful point about how a more-efficient defence, based on data and video analysis on how to close down space for an attacking player, has meant the trimming of individual flair.

Still, artists find a way to express themselves. Dribbling doesn't have to be lots of risky movements strung together. A great dribble can be about selling one deception thoroughly: the perfect shoulder feint, the sharp dummy turn and change of direction.

Like a good magic trick, it needs one move, executed with impeccable timing.

This is what a new generation of artistic footballers, as Raphinha, Lamine Yamal and Jamal Musiala, are doing. It is admittedly minimalist, but at least it's there.

Ronaldinho (second from left) of Brazil dribbles past Turkey players at the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup in France. GETTY IMAGES



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Spring and fall

How did a dry, rocky region become one of the grandest cities of the medieval world, in a time of climate change? It took foresight, funding and tech to build Hampi. There are lessons for today, in the wisdom of the Vijayanagara kings



Mridula Ramesh

The temple celebrating a river's love story predates the empire. On the windy, rocky Hemakuta Hill, a leafless tree holds court before a tiny one-roomed shrine beside a green spring-fed pond.

This is Moola Virupaksha, a 7th-century structure that marks the spot, the story goes, where Shiva tried to come to terms with the loss of his beloved Sati. Her body had been cut to shreds, but his memories of her remained, and so he meditated.

In time, his beloved was reborn as Pampa (another name for the river Tungabhadra). As she sought him, Manmatha, the god of love, fired his arrow to help matters along. Shiva's meditation was broken. In anger, he opened his third eye (virupa aksha; Sanskrit for eye without form) and killed the archer.

Still, Manmatha's arrow had found its mark, and the lovers reunited. Today, the giant Manmatha temple tank is dedicated to the slain catalyst of their romance. Over time, Pampa became Hampi, the seat of one of the grandest cities in the medieval world.

That tale begins in the 14th century, when empires around the world were under attack from the elements. In Europe, unusually heavy rainfall in the spring of 1315 caused crops to rot in the fields, while strangely cool weather and a lack of sunshine hurt subsequent harvests. A terrible famine followed. Starving masses migrated to cities, where the ensuing squalor welcomed the plague with open arms.

In Cambodia, by the mid-1300s, the Khmer empire was grappling with years of drought that alternated with flood. In China, the Yuan dynasty was trying to provide disaster relief even as crucial rice harvests were undercut by massive floods along the Yellow River and devastating typhoons.

The climate was changing. The Medieval Warm Period was transitioning into the Little Ice Age. This was the interregnum; a volatile time, then as now.

In India, sultanates fell like skittles. Mamluk ceded to Khilji, and Khilji to Tughluq, in Delhi. The eccentric Muhammad bin Tughluq then conquered the Deccan. In the chaos after his withdrawal, new kingdoms rose.

One of these, led by the brothers Harihara and Bukka Raya, was established at Hampi in present-day Karnataka. The brothers chose their capital with care, placing the Tungabhadra river between themselves and their hostile northern neighbours, with craggy hills acting as a barrier to the south.

This made them secure, but how to grow? This is a dry, rocky place. Standing on the boulders, looking down at the river (which has been made drier by the present-day dam), "so near, yet so far" becomes a lived reality. This land, as it stood, would not feed an army.

On a recent visit, my local guide, Arjun Bhat, told me that the brothers decided to grow their food on an island in the river, to secure it from attack. Then, at a place with a higher elevation than the island, they built small check dams to divert river water into canals and lakes.

The water flowed from these reservoirs, through an aqueduct that hugged the contours of the land, snaking its way to the island. Maintaining a flow of water over 19 km was a "spectacular feat of technology", as Dominic J Davison-Jenkins, author of The Irrigation and Water Supply Systems of Vijayanagara, puts it.

To complicate matters, there were places where the land dipped en route to the island. So, a granite bridge to carry the aqueduct was built, similar to those along the Roman aqueducts. This structure, locally called Bukka's Bridge, has been dated to the latter half of the 14th century.

Such an investment would have been an expensive undertaking for what was, at that time, a minor principality. This was a calculated risk. For, in a time of famine, he who controls water, holds the advantage.

The gamble paid off spectacularly.

A local epigraph, dated to 1378, compares Bukka to Virupaksha seated on Hemakuta Hill, with the Tungabhadra as his footstool.

By 1420, Vijayanagara was attracting global travellers. An Italian merchant, Nicolo Conti, wrote: "The circumference of the city is sixty miles; its walls are carried up to the mountains and enclose the valleys at their foot... In this city there are estimated to be ninety thousand men fit to bear arms."

Here, now, was a war machine, able to hold its own and support trade.

In the 14th and 15th centuries, there were at least six major famines in South India, two of which lasted for a decade each. Anything that provided a reliable water supply that enabled a king to feed his people constituted military and economic power.

The Vijayanagara kings had understood this, and set about building.

One particularly meaningful venture was the Kamalapuram lake. Likely built in the early 1400s, it captured rainwater and was fed river water via a canal.

Domingo Paes, a Portuguese visitor circa 1520, speaks of the lake in his Chronicle of the Kings of Bisnaga (the region was referred to among Europeans as Bizenegalia / Bisnaga): "Inside the walls, there are lakes fed by springs and channels and rice fields and mango orchards... I climbed a hill whence I could see a great part of it...What I saw from thence seemed to me as large as Rome, and very beautiful to the sight; there are many groves of trees within it, in the gardens of the houses, and many conduits of water which flow into the midst of it, and in places there are lakes and the king has close to his palace a palm-grove and other rich-bearing fruit-trees."

Krishna Deva Raya, the best-known ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire, vastly expanded the irrigation infrastructure. A stone channel leveraging a 20-ft height difference between the lake and the royal enclosure delivered water to a large tank. Given the positioning of its twin outlets, Davison-Jenkins postulates that the tank was used to settle silt, thus providing clear water for the royal enclosure.

There is a stark beauty to what remains of the giant aqueduct. Both ends broken, it lies abandoned, far away from the most visited parts of Vijayanagara.

Here, in the royal enclosure, the frivolity of the Queen's Bath disguises the serious intent of arousing the king's desire. The women "bathe daily in many tanks. The king goes to see them bathing, and she who pleases him most is asked to come to his chamber," the Portuguese traveller Duarte Barbosa wrote in 1510.

Elsewhere, a stepwell different in style and material contains marks that suggest it was made elsewhere and reassembled on site, like a giant, medieval Lego set.

Water had gone from protection and sustenance to ostentatious display. Indeed, the skill bought by the wealth wrought by water saw stone made fluid in glorious sculptures that still make stolid granite sing.

There was a macabre side too. When the Kamalapuram tank breached its bunds a few times, the king consulted his oracles, who advised a human sacrifice. Paes writes that 60 people were sacrificed. Bones and an intact skull were found, centuries later, in a chamber beneath the large tank.

Water was life for many, death for a few, and wealth and power for the king.

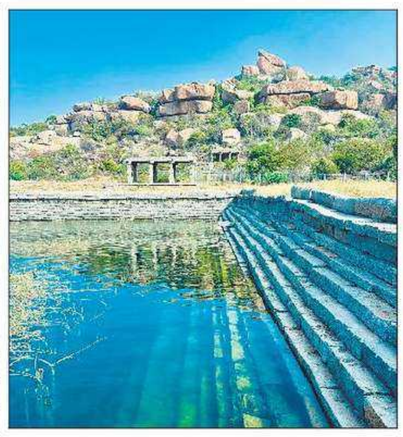
The wealth eventually drew envious eyes. Within decades of Krishna Deva Raya's death in 1529, the city was attacked, pillaged, decimated.

And, in time, forgotten. Along with the lesson that climate change has global consequences. Usually unpleasant. And those who understand and prepare, win.

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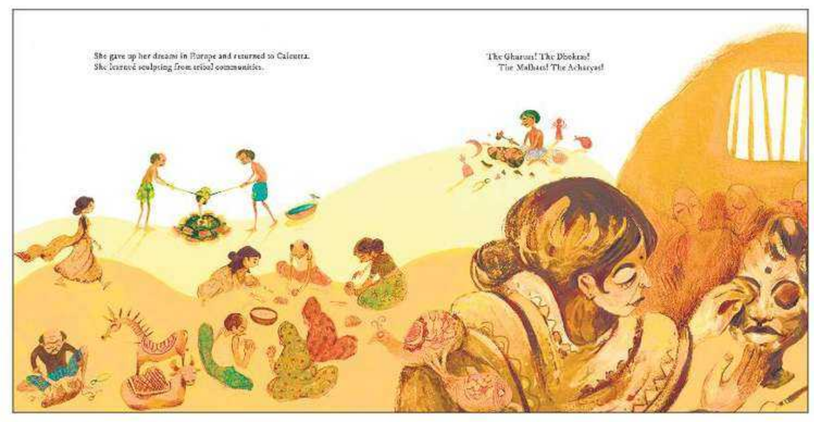


(Below) The Manmatha temple tank in Hampi and (below right) the Vithala temple. PHOTOS: MRIDULA RAMESH

Locally called Bukka's Bridge, this 14th century granite structure—likely 200 metres long and 10 metres tall—supported a section of the 19-km aqueduct over uneven terrain. PHOTO: CR ARAVIND

CHECK OUT an excerpt from The Secret World of Mehlli Gobhai

VIEW an excerpt from Meera Mukherjee: Breaking Moulds



{ EARLY WORKS } ARTISTS' LIVES IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

All the sketchy details

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It's like a door into the past, left ajar.

New books aimed at children are unwrapping the lives of some of India's most renowned artists, with a special focus on their childhoods.

The aim is to allow children to really see how an artist thinks, says Vaishali Shroff, author of one such book on the sculptor Meera Mukherjee.

Other works include The Secret World of Mehlli Gobhai (Pratham Books; 2021), which tells the story of a boy who found art in everything, even in the way a street vendor arranged his combs for sale. Written by Jerry Pinto, it explores, among other things, how Gobhai embraced mistakes.

As the artist once told Pinto: "A mistake can show you what you wanted to do, or show you what could be done if you let go."

In Prince with a Paintbrush (Red Panda; 2021), Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan and illustrator Rayika Sen tell the story of how Raja Ravi Varma began his career with doodles on the walls of his home.

Meanwhile, a series released by art-education platform Artlst explores the childhoods of masters such as Ganesh Pyne (2024), Jamini Roy (2023), Somnath Hore (2021), Abanindranath Tagore (2022) and sculptor Meera Mukherjee (2023).

The books are interactive as well, in ways that, like the stories, are aimed at young ones but offer plenty for adults too. DIY activities invite the reader to try to sketch in the artist's style, or pop out perforated sheets to create works in mixed-media.

It's about time we took this step in India, says Jerry Pinto.

Art is so wrapped in a bubble of exclusivity, he says, that for far too long, inspiring biographies have been largely limited to scientists, politicians, sportspersons, even storytellers, but not artists.

Yet art matters, adds Likla Lall, author of the book on Somnath Hore. In that work, we meet a shy, sensitive boy who can't look away from a wound, and ends up etching it as art.

"Children learn to doodle so early," she says. "Books like these can help them develop a sense of wonder, art appreciation, and critical thinking, from an early age."





(Clockwise from top) Illustrations from Meera Mukherjee: Breaking Moulds, Abanindranath's House of Stories, Prince with a Paintbrush, and (below) The Secret World of Mehlli Gobhai.
ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAYIKA SEN; KRIPA B; SHIVAM CHOUDHARY; EVA SANCHEZ GOMEZ

A myth-maker rises in Kerala

A little boy is painting on a wall, as his friends play hopscotch nearby. That's how we meet seven-year-old Ravi Varma, in Prince with a Paintbrush (Red Panda; 2021), written by Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan and illustrated by Rayika Sen.

Varma learnt to make his own pigments as a child, from flowers, leaves, soil and tree bark. He was lucky to have encouragement from his uncle, the painter Rajaraja Varma, the book notes.

Raja Ravi Varma (1848-1906) later trained under the palace painter of the Maharaja of Travancore, in present-day Kerala, and under the Danish-British artist Theodor Jenson. He was so successful in his lifetime that the title of Raja was bestowed on him by the then-viceroy, Lord Curzon, in 1904.

Srinivasan had long wanted to write such a book, she says. As a children's author interacting with young people across the country, she noticed that many were familiar with the work of European masters such as Leonardo da Vinci and Vincent van Gogh. "So many hadn't heard of Raja Ravi Varma," she says.

Filled with reproductions of his art, her book aims to bridge this gap.

"I want his luminous oil paintings to become as familiar to children," Srinivasan says, "as Monet's Water Lilies or van Gogh's Starry Night."

Art that grew from rice paste

Sculptor Meera Mukherjee's (1923-1998) initiation into art began at the door of her childhood home in Kolkata.

She and her mother would sit at the threshold on festive days, and create patterns with alpona or rice-flour paste.

"'Why do we make alponas if the ants will eat the rice paste anyway?' she asked her Maa," the book recounts. "We make them for the ants," the mother responds.

Meera Mukherjee: Breaking Moulds (Artlst and KNMA; 2023), written by Vaishali Shroff and illustrated by Shivam Choudhary, paints a portrait of an unusual girl who processes her world — the ebb and flow of a river, the swish of leaves, the colours of the sky — through her art.

At first, this art consists of paintings.

After touring the world and studying and exhibiting her work in cities such as Munich, London and Paris, she finds herself questioning what any of it means.

Her heart filled with images of the impoverished in a newly independent India, she returns home, unable to paint anymore. She takes up the chisel, and decides to create art that challenges.

She works with and learns from tribal sculptors, fisherfolk, weavers. She chisels their big eyes, large feet and long hands into her work.

"The imperfect strokes on Meera's sculptures were a celebration of people's struggles," the book notes. "Their scars became her scars. Their lives, her lives."

Ghosts that lit a fuse

House Number 5 in Jorasanko, North Kolkata, is a towering, red stone structure that's hard to miss. There is often something of a crowd around it too, as people line up to visit the family estate of poet, playwright and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Growing up here in the 1870s, however, Tagore's nephew Abanindranath Tagore (1871-1951) just found the house creepy.

"Aban hated the tricks Jorasanko played on him, turning floors into oceans and beds into boats... On a bad day, Aban felt like Jorasanko would swallow him whole," notes Abanindranath's House of Stories (Artlst and KNMA; 2022), written by Likla Lall and illustrated by Eva Sanchez Gomez.

He eventually defeated the shadows using the power of his imagination. He made up stories about the adventures that likely unfolded in the spooky corridors, involving generations of Tagores that came before him.

He would go on, of course, to co-found the Bengal School of Art.

Gomez's illustrations capture shadows, djinns and storms in striking black-and-white, before the book moves on to reproduce some of Tagore's best-known works: the Bharat Mata series, Arabian Nights series, Katam Kutum miniature puppet series.

It's a tribute to a young artist's ability to personify things, ideas, even fears. And with that gift, "Jorasanko no longer felt like a haunting prison," the book notes, "but a mansion of stories."

Shape-shifters caught on canvas

Even as a child, he saw art in everything: in bare trees, muddy streams, and the way a street vendor arranged his combs on a pavement.

In The Secret World of Mehlli Gobhai (Pratham Books; 2021), written by Jerry Pinto and illustrated by Kripa B, the reader meets the boy as he shifts from home to home in the 1930s, in British-ruled Bombay.

His life is made up of a strange mosaic of elements. At one point, Gobhai (1931-2018) shelters a slow loris; he leaves to study in London; works in New York; returns to craft copy for Air India ads.

Through it all, the book explores how he embraced mistakes. They can show you what you wanted to do, or what could be done if you let go, as the artist once told Pinto.

The book guides the reader through some of the abstractionist's best-known works. "Can you see the Nandi Bull, the mount of Lord Shiva? Look for the horns and the hump. See how the image suddenly jumps out at you?... Look and look again... untrain your eyes... set your mind free," Pinto writes.

The Secret World... became a way to introduce young readers to "a different mind" and to the idea that there is no right or wrong in art, Pinto says.

"So many of us adults have this idea that appreciating art means having to explain it to yourself and others. But it really is about just opening your mind and heart to it and waiting for something to happen," he adds.

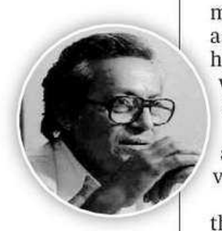
Some works might not stir us. But some will. "And that can feel magical, can't it?"

{ THE WAY WE WERE }

Poonam Saxena

A fluid legacy

An early Hindi novel from 1956 remains one of India's most nuanced portrayals of queer love



The Hindi writer Kamleshwar and (above right) a still from Badnam Basti (1971), based on his novel, Ek Sadak Sattavan Galiyan.

The day of love has just passed, and I am reminded of a novel about love — different, complicated love — that I read a few years ago.

It was by the inimitable Hindi writer Kamleshwar (1932-2007). Ek Sadak Sattavan Galiyan (One Road, Fifty-Seven Lanes) was his first novel, written in 1956.

It initially appeared in the storied literary magazine Hans. By the time it was released as a book the following year, Kamleshwar had moved from Allahabad to Delhi. These were what he would later call his "gardish ke din" (days of adversity).

He subsisted on a plate of idli-sambhar a day, and was forced to pawn his only two valuables: a watch and a typewriter.

His first novel came to his aid. He sold all the rights of Ek Sadak Sattavan Galiyan to Punjabi Pustak Bhandar for Rs 800. "The novel was as dear to me as my mother and my birthplace Mainpuri," he writes, in the Introduction to the book. "I suffered for 20 years after selling it..." (A friend would later help him get the copyright back.)

Some years later, the book was adapted as the film Badnam Basti (1971). Directed by journalist-turned-filmmaker Prem Kapoor, it faltered at the box office, and then was simply forgotten. Until 2019, when a 35-mm print was discovered at the Arsenal Institute for Film and Video Art in Berlin.

It was instantly hailed as India's first queer film. The book too has been lauded as an early Hindi novel about queer love.

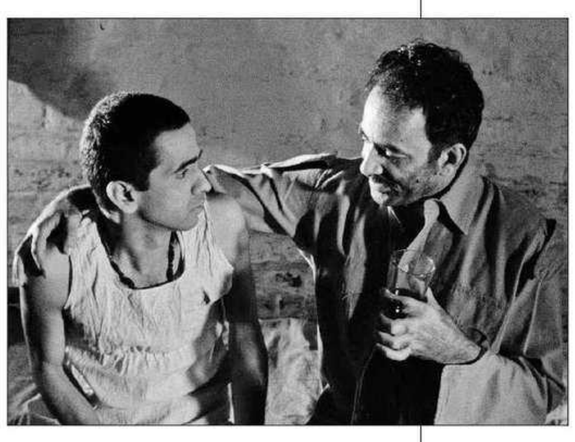
Set in Mainpuri in western Uttar Pradesh, it tells the complex, intertwining stories of four people on the margins of society: Sarnam Singh, a truck driver who is also a bandit; Shivraj, a young man handed over to a group of sadhus by his father when he was 13; Bansari, a woman who works in a nautanki company; and Rangile, a police "witness" for hire.

Singh frees Shivraj from the sadhus who, over the years, have become increasingly indifferent to the boy, and brings him home. The book's queer credentials rest on the fact that Singh is attracted to Shivraj. While he is still living with the sadhus, Singh buys him presents, such as an orange silk dhoti, saying "Kaisa komal ladk hai (What a delicate lad he is)". Sometimes, he crushes Shivraj in his arms, saying, "Shibu! Pichhle janam mein tu mera kaun tha? (Who were you to me in my previous life?)"

While the young man is grateful for all his kindnesses, he can't help but think: "What is this love, this affection? Why does it have an unpleasant stench?"

Bansari notices growing signs of femininity in Shivraj: a ring on an index finger, nail polish on a little finger. Meanwhile, he is also deeply attracted to a local girl, and later to a carnival performer. Singh is in love with a woman too: Bansari.

Is Ek Sadak Sattavan Galiyan, then, more a novel about bisexuality, as many have pointed out? It would certainly seem so.



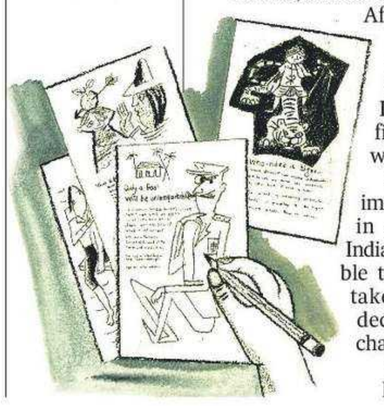
But over and above the tangled web of conflicting desires and relationships, Kamleshwar sketches a masterful portrait of the small, dusty world of the men and women who live on the edges of society, and of their little joys and terrible tragedies.

At the bus terminus, drivers and cleaners sit atop their vehicles in the evenings, playing rummy in flickering candlelight, singing songs of love. But this is also a neighbourhood where young girls are bought and sold, and where the already-impoverished have their livelihoods snatched away.

Life crawls along, slow and interminable. There are no happy endings here, though Kamleshwar does leave readers with a glimmer of hope on the last page.

Whether one takes away from it, Kamleshwar's first novel is a triumph.

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'US still forming opinion on how to tackle Ukraine crisis'

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MUNICH: The US administration is "still forming its opinion on how America should handle the Ukraine crisis", French foreign minister Jean-Noel Barrot said in Munich on Saturday after holding talks with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Meanwhile, two top European leaders stiffened their spines on Saturday over unsettling new policies from Washington under President Donald Trump, as Ukraine's president urged creation of an "armed forces of Europe" and the leader of Germany denounced meddling in its election after US Vice President JD Vance met with a German far-right leader.

Strident speeches from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Day 2 of the Munich Security Conference testified to the impact of a blizzard of Trump decisions that have resonated at home and in Europe, notably his hopes to end the Russia-Ukraine war and nurture perceived allies on the continent.



Ukrainian firefighters work at the site of a Russian strike in the city of Kramatorsk, on Thursday. AFP

Muscular Europe

Ramping up his desire for a more muscular and mighty Europe, Zelensky said Ukraine's three-year fight against an invading Russian army has proved that a foundation exists for the creation of a European army that has long been discussed among some continental leaders.

"I really believe that time has come," he said. "The armed forces of Europe must be created."

Earlier, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he was "pleased" at what he called a shared commitment with the United States to the "preserving the sovereign independence of Ukraine," and agreed with Trump that the Russia-Ukraine war must end.

Scholz hits out at US

But Scholz also took aim at the new political tack from Washington, affirming his strong stance against the far-Right and said his country won't accept people who "intervene in our democracy" — alluding to remarks by US Vice President JD Vance who scolded European leaders over their approach to democracy.

Ahead of February 23 elections in Germany, polls show the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party — whose co-leader Alice Weidel met with Vance on Friday — currently in second, ahead of Scholz's own Social Democrats.

Alluding to Germany's Nazi past, Scholz said the longstanding commitment to "Never Again" — a return to the extreme right — was not reconcilable with support for AfD.

"We will not accept that people who look at Germany from the outside intervene in our democracy and our elections and in the democratic opinion-forming process in the interest of this party," he said. "That's just not done, certainly not amongst friends and allies. We resolutely reject this."

"Where our democracy goes from here is for us to decide," Scholz added.

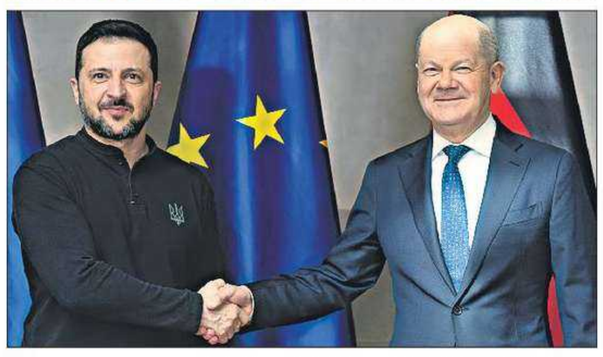
A day earlier, Vance that he fears free speech is "in retreat" across the continent.

He said that many Americans saw in Europe "entrenched interests hiding behind ugly Soviet-era words like misinformation and disinformation, who simply don't like the idea that somebody with an alternative viewpoint might express a different opinion or, God forbid, vote a different way, or even worse, win an election".

Vance also said no democracy could survive telling millions of voters that their concerns "are invalid or unworthy of even being considered".

Scholz, shooting back, said "free speech in Europe means that you are not attacking others in ways that are against legislation and laws we have in our country."

Scholz was referring to rules in Germany that restrict hate speech.



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (right) and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky hold talks in Munich, on Saturday. REUTERS

Polish premier pushes Europe to prepare action plan on security

WARSAW: Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk on Saturday pressed Europe to urgently establish its own stances on Ukraine and security as the United States sows doubts about its commitment to Europe.

On Friday, US Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth warned during a visit to Poland that Europe needed to boost its defence spending because it cannot assume that the presence of American troops on the continent will "last forever".

Tusk posted on X that "Europe urgently needs its own plan of action concerning Ukraine and our security, or else other global players will decide about our future. Not necessarily in line with our own interest. This plan must be prepared now. There's no time to lose." AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Downsizing the US govt: Musk, Trump up the ante as nearly 10,000 staff fired

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WASHINGTON: The campaign by President Donald Trump and his adviser Elon Musk to radically cut back the US bureaucracy spread on Friday, firing more than 9,500 workers who handled everything from managing federal lands to caring for military veterans.

Workers at the departments of Interior, Energy, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture and Health and Human Services had their employment terminated in a drive that so far has largely — but not exclusively — targeted probationary employees in their first year on the job who have fewer employment protections.

The firings, reported by Reuters and other major US media outlets, are in addition to the roughly 75,000 workers who have taken a buyout that Trump and Musk have offered to get them to leave voluntarily, according to the White House. That equals about 3% of the 2.3 million person civilian workforce.

Trump says the federal government is too bloated and too much money is lost to waste and fraud. The government has some $36 trillion in debt and ran a $1.8 trillion deficit last year, and there is bipartisan agreement on the need for reform.

But congressional Democrats say Trump is encroaching on the legislature's constitutional authority over federal spending, even as his fellow Republicans who control majorities in both chambers of Congress have largely supported the moves.

The speed and breadth of Musk's effort has produced growing frustration among some of Trump's aides over a lack of coordination, including White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, sources told Reuters.

In addition to the job reductions, Trump and Musk have tried to gut civil-service protections for career employees, frozen most US foreign aid and attempted to shutter some government agencies such as the US Agency for International Development and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau CFPB almost entirely.

The US Forest Service is firing around 3,400 recent hires, while the National Park Service is terminating about 1,000, people familiar with the plans said on Friday.

The tax-collecting Internal Revenue Service is preparing to fire thousands of workers next week, two people familiar with the matter said, a move that could squeeze resources ahead of Americans' April 15 deadline to file income taxes.

Critics have questioned the blunt force approach of Musk, the world's richest person, who has amassed extraordinary influence in Trump's presidency.

Dismissed N-bomb specialists recalled by Energy department

WASHINGTON: The Energy Department is seeking to bring back nuclear energy specialists after abruptly telling hundreds of workers that their jobs were eliminated, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The employees, responsible for designing and maintaining the nation's cache of nuclear weapons at the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA), were part of a larger wave of workers dismissed from the Energy Department, drawing alarm from national security experts. Between 300 and 400 NNSA workers were terminated, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The agency's quick reversal was announced on Friday in an all-staff meeting. The NNSA is seeking to recall the workers because they deal with sensitive national security secrets.

Those cuts are especially concerning because the positions typically require high-level security clearances and training that can take 18 months or longer, said Jill Hruby, who served as the NNSA administrator during the Biden administration. BLOOMBERG

Trump admin fires CDC 'disease detectives' as bird flu fears rise

WASHINGTON: Nearly half of an elite US epidemiology programme known as the "disease detectives" were dismissed by the Trump administration on Friday, according to sources familiar with the matter, dealing a blow to public health efforts as fears rise over bird flu.

The sackings come as Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency pushes to downsize the federal government and as newly-confirmed health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr vows to overhaul the nation's health agencies.

"I'm so angry," a senior epidemiologist in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who supervised some of those affected by the cuts said. "We're on the verge of potentially another pandemic and we're firing the people who have probably more expertise than anyone else in the country collectively."

The cuts, first reported by CBS News, are part of broader efforts to remove employees still in their probationary periods, who can be dismissed more easily.

Established in 1951, the Epidemic Intelligence Service is a two-year post-doctoral training programme whose officers have been on the frontline of investigating outbreaks from the first Ebola cases in Africa in the 1970s to the earliest case reports of Covid-19 in the United States.

While some are stationed at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, others are posted around the country.

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Brics summit planned for July in Rio: Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO: Leaders of the countries known as Brics will hold a summit in Rio de Janeiro in July, the current chair Brazil announced on Saturday. Other members of the trading bloc include Russia, India, China and South Africa and others. AFP

North Korea: US should abandon military threats

SEOUL: North Korea said on Saturday that the US should abandon military threats if it has concerns about its mainland safety, state media KCNA reported, citing an official at North Korea's defence ministry. REUTERS

Cyber-fraud case: Thailand deports 10 to China

BANGKOK: Thailand has deported 10 Chinese nationals linked to the high-profile alleged kidnapping of actor Wang Xing who was rescued from a cyber-fraud centre in Myanmar, Thai police said on Saturday. AFP

'Most wanted' Dutch drug trafficker killed

MEXICO CITY: A Dutch drug trafficker who was one of Europe's most wanted criminals and once faked his own death has been murdered in Mexico. Marco Ebben, 32, was shot in Atizapan de Zaragoza, a municipality about 25km from Mexico City. AFP

Vivek Ramaswamy prepares to launch his bid for Ohio guv

COLUMBUS, OHIO: Republican Vivek Ramaswamy is preparing to launch his 2026 bid for Ohio governor on February 24 in his native Cincinnati, with ensuing announcements held over two days in the Columbus, Toledo and Cleveland areas, The Associated Press has learned.

The 39-year-old biotech entrepreneur, a 2024 presidential candidate who left President Donald Trump's government efficiency initiative last month, will kick off his closely watched campaign at Cincinnati's CTL Aerospace Inc. He'll then head to New Albany, outside Columbus, to deliver remarks at Axium Packaging later that evening, according to a person close to the campaign. On February 25, Ramaswamy plans events at the Glass City Centre in Toledo and The Local Bar in Strongsville, a suburb of Cleveland.



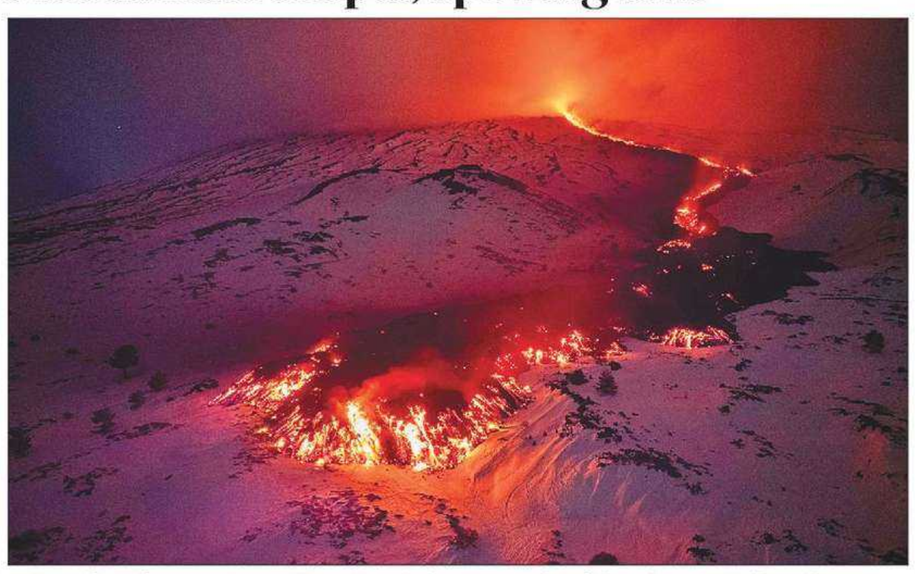
Vivek Ramaswamy ANI

Ramaswamy will enter a GOP primary to succeed term-limited Ohio Governor Mike DeWine that's already been joined by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and Heather Hill, a former member of the state Martin Luther King Commission. Former Ohio Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, long viewed as a frontrunner in that contest, dropped out of the running last month after being appointed to the US Senate seat formerly held by Vice President JD Vance, a friend of Ramaswamy's since the two attended Yale Law School.

Former Ohio Health Director Dr. Amy Acton is running on the Democratic side.

As Ramaswamy seeks to overcome a lack of political or government experience, he has already secured the endorsements of two sitting Republican statewide officials: Secretary of State Frank LaRose and Treasurer Robert Sprague. AP

Mount Etna erupts, spewing lava



Lava flows from a crater on Mount Etna during an eruption of the volcano on Friday. The eruption is from the volcano's south-east crater, called Bocca Nuova, meaning 'new mouth'. Mount Etna, standing at about 3,330 metres and located above the Sicilian town of Catania in Italy, often erupts but rarely causes damage. Etna is the tallest active volcano in Europe and has erupted frequently across the past 500,000 years. The last major eruption of Etna was in 1992. AFP

JUDGES BAR DOGE FROM TREASURY, ALLOW ACCESS TO HEALTH, LABOUR

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NEW YORK: A federal judge extended a block on Elon Musk's government cost-cutting team from accessing payment systems at the US Treasury Department on Friday, while another judge allowed the billionaire's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) staffers to access records at health, labour and consumer financial protection agencies.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Musk and other Donald Trump allies have called for judges to be impeached in response to rulings against the DOGE team, although the President said he would obey court orders.

After wildfires, heavy rain hits Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES: Mudslides blocked roads around Los Angeles on Friday after heavy rain pounded areas burned by last month's wildfires, sending denuded hillsides tumbling.

Parts of Los Angeles got as much as 7cm of rain in a day, leaving areas flooded and burn scars in Pacific Pallisades and Altadena strewn with fire debris and rubble. The Pacific Coast Highway — a once picturesque road where multi-million dollar properties were razed by January's blazes — was shuttered, with thick mud blocking the way.

The torrent of water also washed a Los Angeles Fire Department vehicle into the ocean, where it remained on Friday, with authorities saying they hoped to pull it out of the surf later in the day.



A worker cleans debris from the road in Los Angeles. REUTERS

The fire department official who had been driving the SUV at the time escaped with minor injuries, a spokesman said.

In the Hollywood Hills, home to a mixture of movie stars and working class people, a large mudslide left around 20cm of debris all over a main road.

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OpenAI board rejects Musk-led $97.4 billion buyout offer

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SAN FRANCISCO: OpenAI's board chairman on Friday said it has unanimously rejected an Elon Musk-led offer to buy the hot artificial intelligence company for $97.4 billion.

"OpenAI is not for sale, and the board has unanimously rejected Mr. Musk's latest attempt to disrupt his competition," chairman of the board Bret Taylor said in a statement posted by the company on Musk-owned X, formerly Twitter.

"Any potential reorganisation of OpenAI will strengthen our non-profit and its mission to ensure AGI (artificial general intelligence) benefits all of humanity," the statement continued.

Musk filed court documents on Wednesday saying that he would withdraw the offer to buy OpenAI if its board returns the artificial intelligence pioneer to a non-profit "charity" model.

OpenAI currently operates a hybrid structure, as a non-profit with a money-making subsidiary. The change to a for-profit model — one that its CEO Sam Altman considers crucial for the company's development — had exacerbated ongoing tensions with Musk.

Musk and Altman were among the 11-person team that founded OpenAI in 2015, with the former providing initial funding of $45 million.

Three years later, Musk departed the company, with OpenAI citing "a potential future conflict for Elon... as Tesla continues to become more focused on AI".

Musk established his own artificial intelligence company called xAI early in 2023 after OpenAI ignited global fervour over the technology.



An OpenAI logo is seen in front of Elon Musk's photo in this illustration. REUTERS

The massive costs of designing, training, and deploying AI models have compelled OpenAI to seek a new corporate structure that would give investors equity and provide more stable governance.

The transition to a traditional for-profit company requires approval from California and Delaware authorities, who will scrutinise how the non-profit arm of OpenAI is valued when it becomes a shareholder in the new company.

Current investors prefer a lower valuation to maximise their share of the new company.

Musk's bid, valuing the OpenAI non-profit at $97.4 billion — approximately $30 billion above the level in current negotiations, according to The Information — appears designed to disrupt the company's fundraising efforts.

OpenAI's Chief Global Affairs Officer Chris Lehane has said Musk's offer came from a competitor "who has struggled to keep up with the technology and compete with us in the marketplace".

Musk's xAI in talks to raise at least $10 billion

Elon Musk's xAI is discussing to raise $10 billion that could value the artificial intelligence startup at about $75 billion, Bloomberg News reported on Friday, citing a person familiar with the matter.

Existing investors, including Sequoia Capital, Andreessen Horowitz and Valor Equity Partners are in talks to participate in the transaction, the report said.

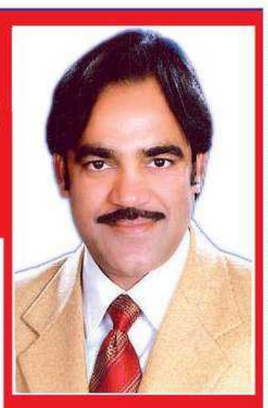
The billionaire's startup recently raised $6 billion from investors at a valuation of $40 billion, sources have told Reuters. XAI is looking to increase its footprint in the AI industry by expanding its capacity of data centres to train AI models.

Musk has said that ChatGPT challenger, Grok 3, is in the final stages of development and would be released in about a week or two.

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Walk-in Interview On 23rd February, 2025 (Sunday) From 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
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Email: principalgvps2020@gmail.com
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Email.: info@shardainternationalschool.in

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WALK IN INTERVIEW
18th & 19th Feb. 2025
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PRT - General
NTT
Dance Teacher
Special Educator & School Counsellor

Walk-In-Interview between 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
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2. **TGT:** Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social Science, ATL Teacher.
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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
SUNDAY FEB. 16, 2025

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- **PGT's:** English, Physics, Chemistry, Accountancy, Economics, Psychology, Computer Science.
- **TGT's:** English, Hindi, Maths, Science, Social Sci.,Sanskrit, French, Computer Science.
- **PRT's:** All Subjects
- **Nursery Trained Teachers**
- **Music Teacher**
- **Dance Teacher**
- **Instrumentalist**
- **Physical Education Teacher**
- **Special Educator (RCI Certified)**
- **ATL Instructor (B.Tech Electronics)**
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- **Front Desk Executive**

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for Book Shop, Uniform Shop, Canteen and Transport Service in all branches of Guru Harkrishan Public Schools for the Session 2025-26.
Tender Form can be obtained in person by payment of Rs.1,500/- (non-refundable) in cash from the Education Cell, Room No. 33, First Floor, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib, New Delhi-110001 for all the branches of GHP Schools between **11:00 am to 2:30 pm** from **17.02.2025 to 22.02.2025.**
Last date for submission of the Tender Form on **25.02.2025 by 02.30pm** along with Bank Draft of Rs. 10,000/- (Refundable without interest) for each tender as security deposit at the Tender Issuing Office.
Tenders for Book Shop, Uniform Shop & Canteen will be opened on **28-02-2025 & for Transport on 13-06-25 at 02:30** p.m. at Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee.

Harmeet Singh Kalka
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Notice Regarding Payment to Mr. Anil Mithas

New Delhi, 15.02.2025

GYGY Infracon Pvt. Ltd. hereby issues this public notice regarding substantial payments made to Mr. Anil Mithas, son of Mr. Santosh Kumar Mithas, towards the settlement of public liabilities of IVR Prime IT SEZ Pvt. Ltd., a company declared insolvent by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Delhi.

Despite agreements and clear understanding that the payments would be used to settle IVR Prime IT SEZ Pvt. Ltd. liabilities, the funds were not utilized for their intended purpose and appear to have been unlawfully diverted and siphoned off.

In the light of these serious developments, **GYGY Infracon Pvt. Ltd.** wishes to inform all concerned parties, and the general public that:

1. No assistance should be provided to Mr. Anil Mithas or any entities associated with him concerning IVR Prime IT SEZ Pvt. Ltd.
2. Any business dealings with Mr. Mithas or related entities will be viewed as fraudulent and part of a conspiracy.
3. We caution against any financial or business engagements related to IVR Prime IT SEZ Pvt. Ltd.

GYGY Infracon Pvt. Ltd. is fully committed to ensuring transparency and is cooperating with relevant authorities to investigate the matter further and take necessary legal action.

This notice serves as an official communication to inform the Public and Stakeholders of the situation and to caution against any involvement with Mr. Anil Mithas in relation to IVR Prime IT SEZ Pvt. Ltd.

Issued by:
GYGY Infracon Pvt. Ltd.

This notice is being issued in good faith and based. All parties are advised to exercise caution in dealings with Mr. Anil Mithas or any related entities.

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I, Sunita Sharma, wife of the late Shri Ranjan Sharma, owner and permanent resident of House no. U-46, Upadhyay Block, Shakarpur, New Delhi, 110092 hereby inform the general public that my aforementioned house is not for sale under any circumstances.

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Sd/-
Sunita Sharma

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Public Notice My client Mr. Dikshesh Malik intends to purchase Entire Second Floor of builtup Property No. G-11, measuring 100 Sq.Yards, Lajpat Nagar-I, New Delhi from Mr. Chaman Gupta (present owner) who inherited the said property after demise of Late Shri Krishan Lal Gupta (who died on 03.01.2009 and does not have any 1st class legal heirs) on the basis of Registered Will dated 15.02.2006 left by Shri Krishan Lal Gupta and other 2nd class legal heirs i.e. Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Rohit Gupta and Mr. Navya Gupta had also disclaim their rights in favour of said Mr. Chaman Gupta (Present owner). If anybody including Bank, Financial Institutions, persons, relative has any claim, right, interest whatsoever in the said property shall inform within 15 days to the undersigned with documentary evidence. In the event of no response to this notice, than our client shall presume that title of the said property is unencumbered and clear.

Karnail Singh,Advocate
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I, JITENDRA Kumar Sharma S/O Yag Dutt Sharma R/O 515, Sector-3, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP-201012 have changed name of my minor son Rudra Sharma aged 16 years to Garvit Sharma.

I, BHAVNA D/o Vinay Kumar R/o Plot No. -403-B Vipin Garden, Uttam Nagar, Po: Dk Mohan Garden, Delhi -110059 have changed my name to Bhavna Rajput for all purposes.

I RACHNA Arora W/o Gaurav Arora R/o 38 , FF , Ambika Vihar , Paschim Vihar , New Delhi - 110087 have changed my name to Rachna for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAILENDRA Ravin S/O Ram Chander/R/O H NO. 102, Vikas Sheel Apartment Sector 13 Rohini Dist: North Delhi -110085 have changed the name of my minor son Madhvan R Kaustobh aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as Madhvann R Kostobh.

I AM Army No. 16021050 F. Rank Hav Varun Pratap Singh S/o Anangpal R/O village Pali tehsil Sardhana district Meerut. In my army records, my mother's name Shrivati Devi and date of birth 01.01.1965 is wrongly recorded. Her correct name is SHRIMATI and correct date of birth is 01.01.1964

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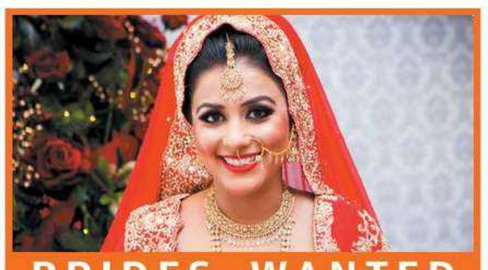
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Champions Trophy: Teams ready for a battle of pitches

Different track conditions are likely to test the teams other than India, who play only in Dubai

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MUMBAI: The difference in the average score batting first (between venues producing highest and lowest totals) across Pakistan's three Champions Trophy venues Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi is 12 runs. All are high scoring venues with the most runs (290) coming at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium. The fourth venue in the competition — Dubai International Stadium — though produces 42 fewer runs than Lahore.

There cannot be a single algorithm to go past the winning line for this ICC tournament is different in more ways than one. But certain distinct features of each venue are noticeable.

Batting-friendly Lahore

Defending champions Pakistan don't play a league match in Lahore, where the average winning score while batting first climbs to 317 runs. If the hosts qualify for knockouts, they play both their semi-final and the final in Lahore, unless India makes the final. In which case Dubai will see a rematch of the arch-rivals — they face off in a Group A league clash on February 23.

Three of the four Group B teams England, Australia and Afghanistan would be happy to play two of their three league matches in Lahore. England, coming off a poor series in India, would certainly like returning to decks friendlier for batters and less for spinners.

Pacy Rawalpindi

Of the four venues, Rawalpindi is the place to play if you are a fast bowler. The Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium pitch sees a lot more pace used than spin (62.3%), new ball swings the most (0.95 degrees), pacers extract the most bounce (78cm) off a good length and it takes the least spin (2.2 degrees). Bangladesh play two of their Group B matches here and their pace department led by express speedster Nahid Rana will look to extract assistance.

Spin-friendly Karachi

Among the three venues in Pakistan, the Karachi pitch sees the most spin used compared to pace (49.6%), the ball spins the most (3.1 degrees) and the new ball swings the least (0.74%). South Africa play the most — two Group B matches — here, and left-armers Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi would fancy their chances.

Dubai's slow pitches

There's been plenty of chatter around India's decision to go with five spinners in the squad. Some suggest that this could be a misguided ploy given that the recent ILT20 action saw more pace used than spin, and significantly more wickets (68%) falling to pace. Similarly, IPL 2020 played in the UAE saw fast bowlers having a significant say. But T20 has slowly separated into a different sport. Even drawing conclusions based on Dubai ODI numbers requires some mining. Take away associate nations' action and that makes it a smaller sample size but provides more relevant numbers.

CricViz data of ODI cricket played in Dubai 2017 onwards featuring full member nations shows the pitch taking good turn (3.1 degrees), although the quantum of spin usage over pace is only marginally more (50.2%). Pacers stay in the game and take plenty more wickets (75) than spinners (53), but spin brings down the scoring rate (4.70) a lot more than pace (5.04). This is most evident in the middle overs — the average score comes down (138-4) and the run-rate dips (4.6).

This is where India would want their spinners to come to the fore. Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja are their primary spinners with Axar Patel doing the supporting act. In Varun Chakravarthy, India have picked a mystery spinner who they might want to play against certain opponents. India are the best placed of the eight teams to plan as they play only at Dubai.

When it comes to pace and Dubai, Shaheen Shah Afridi's twin strikes, swinging in to send back Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul in the 2021 T20 World Cup, stand out. But of the four venues, the new ball swings here the least in ODI cricket (0.74%), suggesting that it doesn't take long for the shine to go off. The grass on the pitch means fast bowlers do get good bounce (73 cm) off a good length. "Ultimately, it will all depend on which of the 6-7 pitches on offer they go with," says Lalchand Rajput, the UAE head coach. "In Mumbai, you can predict the ball will generally carry. In Kanpur, it will not. In Dubai, some black soil pitches have less clay content, which are slower and take less carry. Other pitches have more in it for pacers."

With the matches starting early at 1pm local time, dew may have a lesser impact than on view during the T20 World Cup.



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World No.1 Jannik Sinner of Italy. AP

MUMBAI: Italian world No.1 Jannik Sinner was handed a three-month doping ban in a deal with the World Anti-Doping Agency announced on Saturday and criticised as lacking impartiality and fairplay, after women's former No.1 Iga Swiatek's controversial doping case that saw only a one-month suspension last year.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) had appealed to the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) against the International Tennis Integrity Agency's (ITIA) decision to not suspend Sinner after twice testing positive for clostebol, a banned anabolic agent, in March last year. He denied any wrongdoing and blamed his support staff, arguing that the substance entered his body while being given massage.

The hearing in the case was scheduled for April, but Sinner's camp accepted a three-month ban after reaching a settlement with WADA.

The WADA decision — the suspension runs from February 9 to May 4, and he can return to training on April 13 — will allow the three-time Slam champion to play in the French Open. It was seen as a convenient decision by Nick Kyrgios and Stan Wawrinka.

The handling of the Sinner and Swiatek cases were criticised after Romania's former world No.1 Simona Halep, handed a four-year doping ban after testing positive at the 2022 US Open, had complained of a long delay in even getting a hearing for her appeal. CAS reduced the ban to nine months, but Halep, plagued by injuries, announced her retirement recently.

Sinner's case came to light only when ITIA revealed that he had been "cleared of any wrongdoing". The fact that Sinner was allowed to compete during the investigation period — during when he became the world No.1 — prompted criticism that he was being given preferential treatment. The 23-year-old went on to win the 2024 US Open and then defended his Australian Open title last month.

The final in Melbourne against Alexander Zverev was his last professional match before the suspension came into effect. The French Open starts on May 25.

"This case had been hanging over me now for nearly a year and the process still had a long time to run with a decision maybe only at the end of the year," Sinner said in a statement released by his lawyers. "I have always accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love. On that basis I have accepted WADA's offer to resolve these proceedings on the basis of a three-month sanction."

"WADA confirms that it has entered into a case resolution agreement in the case of Italian tennis player Jannik Sinner." a WADA statement said. "WADA accepts that Mr Sinner did not intend to cheat and that his exposure to clostebol did not provide any performance-enhancing benefit and took place without his knowledge as the result of negligence of members of his entourage."

The Italian will miss ATP Masters 1000 events in Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid and Monte Carlo, but will be back for his home Italian Open in Rome, which begins on May 7.

Swiatek's positive test was also kept under wraps and wasn't announced until she had served her brief suspension. She was then allowed to compete at the year-end WTA Finals.

"Supposed case-by-case discretion is, in fact, merely cover for tailored deals, unfair treatment, and inconsistent rulings," the Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA) said in a statement. "It's not just the different results for different players. It's the lack of transparency. The lack of process. The lack of consistency. The lack of commitment from the ATP, WTA, Grand Slams, ITIA, and WADA to reform and create a fair and transparent system going forward."



Gulveer smashes 3,000m record

NEW DELHI: Hangzhou Asian Games bronze medallist Gulveer Singh shattered a 16-year-old national record in men's 3,000m indoor race at the BU David Hemery Valentine Invitational in Boston. The 26-year-old Army runner clocked 7:38.26, finishing second and surpassing the previous record of 7:49.47 set by Surendar Singh in 2008.

Wrestlers seek intervention

NEW DELHI: Asian champion Sunil Kumar, U-23 Asian champion Minakshi and several other Indian wrestlers gathered at sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya's residence on Saturday, seeking his intervention to secure approval for their participation in the upcoming Ranking Series in Albania. The ministry has withheld approval for wrestlers to participate in the second Ranking Series of the year in Tirana from February 26.

Imamura-Noguchi claim Delhi Open

NEW DELHI: Unseeded Japanese pair Masamichi Imamura and Rio Noguchi claimed the Delhi Open doubles title with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over second seeds Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha and Courtney John Lock at the DLTA Complex on Saturday. The duo showed resilience, breaking their opponents early in both sets to cap off a solid run at the ATP Challenger 75 event.

Mohun Bagan beat Blasters 3-0

KOCHI: Mohun Bagan Super Giant defeated Kerala Blasters by 3-0 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here in the Indian Super League on Saturday. Earlier, Chennaiyin rode on a late strike from Daniel Chima Chukwu to edge past Punjab FC 2-1.

RCB's Kanika pleased with comeback, role of a finisher

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Kanika Ahuja. BCCI

CHANDIGARH: The Women's Premier League (WPL) got a blockbuster opening on Friday with Royal Challengers Bengaluru chasing down a mammoth target of 202 against Gujarat Giants in Vadodara.

GG's Ashleigh Gardner (79 off 37), Beth Mooney (56 off 42) and Deandra Dottin (25 off 13) first up and Ellyse Perry (57 off 34) then logged the limelight.

Richa Ghosh (64* off 27) and left-handed Kanika Ahuja (30* off 13) then lit up the chase with an unbeaten 93-run partnership (off 37 balls) to achieve WPL's highest chase ever. India stumper Ghosh's power-packed hitting led the way, but the contribution of Ahuja, 22, who made her India debut in the 2023 Asian Games, was also about resilience.

Ahuja missed the 2024 WPL because of a back injury. Following a successful domestic season playing for Punjab, notching up two centuries in the one-day tournament, she is back in the RCB camp doing what she is best at — finishing matches.

"I am feeling very happy; playing after a year, it's a special feeling. By doing visualisations, and whatever I did in my rehab, it helped me become a better player. I wanted to go after the balls that were in my reach. We thought we could win it if we took it to the end. Richa and Perry played brilliantly," she said. Ahuja, who bowls off-spin, also took a wicket, removing Dayalan Hemalatha for four runs.

Ahuja had a tumultuous 2023 too. Her mother passing away after a long battle with cancer. She left a tournament while playing for Punjab and rushed home to Patiala after receiving the news.

"That was a tough time for Kanika. She believed her mother would pull through and see her play for India again. She went for the last rites and got back to the tournament after missing two matches. And then the back injury happened which kept her away from cricket for sometime. She worked hard in her rehab at the NCA; missing the WPL season was a disappointment," Punjab senior women's team coach Khyati Gulani said.

Ahuja had joined Railways after leaving Punjab ahead of the first WPL season but left without playing a game and returned to her state team for the 2023-24 season.

"This was the time when she wanted to be with her ailing mother more. Her death did drain her but she was focussed enough to get fit and have a successful season playing for Punjab.

Last season, she showed maturity and built long innings. Her two centuries in the one-dayers showed match temperament. Also, she is a typical modern cricketer who wants to score at a fast pace and finish things off. Such a cricketer can be handy for India," Gulani said.

It was after she impressed the selectors playing for RCB in the first WPL season that she was included in the India A team for the Emerging Asia Cup (U-23), followed by her national team selection for the 2023 Asian Games. She was named Player-of-the-Match in the Asia Cup final, scoring 30* and taking two wickets as India A won the tournament. She has played three T20Is, including two in the Asian Games where India won the gold medal, and one against England at 2023 end.

"She missed the WPL last season but was with the RCB team in the tournament. She was ecstatic when they won the title. She then made sure she regained fitness well in time for this WPL. She is a complete all-rounder, someone who can turn around things with her batting and off-break bowling," added Gulani.

RCB teammate Ellyse Perry praised Ahuja: "Kanika missed last year due to injury, so for her to come back and make an immediate impact for the group was superb," she said. While the big guns fired, youngsters like Ahuja too would be keen to fire in the league and get back into the India team in the build-up to the ODI World Cup in September.

Delhi Capitals complete thrilling last-ball win over Mumbai Indians

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Delhi Capitals opener Shafali Verma scored 43 runs off 18 balls against Mumbai Indians. BCCI

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals prevailed in a contest of batting implosions, pulling off a thrilling two-wicket win on the last ball over Mumbai Indians in the Women's Premier League (WPL) in Vadodara on Saturday. In a game that ebbed and flowed, largely due to disciplined bowling, both teams struggled for batting rhythm on a pitch that saw over 400 runs scored the previous night and showed no signs of sluggishness.

With 10 needed off the last over, DC crossed the line with a desperate full-length dive from Arundhati Reddy after the middle order, despite getting starts, failed to finish what should have been a regulation chase. DC's charge was set up by the explosive Shafali Verma, who cracked an 18-ball 43, but there was precious little from the rest.

Perhaps out to make a point after being dropped from the India team last year, Shafali took a liking to spin in the Powerplay, smoking 22 runs in one Saika Ishaque over. She opened her account by running down the track second ball to Ishaque and deposited her left-arm spin over cover for six. The next two deliveries were flighted again and Shafali put them away for fours before Ishaque dropped one short, only to be cut past point. The last ball was bludgeoned through cover as DC looked on course.

While she was troubled by the lively pace of Shabnim Ismail, Shafali had no problems dealing with the off-spin of Hayley Matthews, who was imperiously swept for two fours and a six in the sixth over. Matthews, however, had Shafali caught at mid-wicket on the last ball of the Powerplay. Still DC, having collected 60 in the first six, looked on course. As it turned out, it was anything but.

Ismail started the slide by uprooting Meg Lanning's off stump, Jemimah Rodrigues drove Amelia Kerr straight to Kaur, and Nat Sciver-Brunt, who had top-scored with 80 not out, bowled Annabel Sutherland as MI applied the choke.

Earlier, a well-rounded bowling effort from Delhi Capitals ensured MI, the 2023 champions, were dismissed for 164 with five balls to spare. Batting on the pitch that saw over 400 runs scored the previous night and showed no signs of sluggishness, MI batting meandered as DC bowlers tightened things after skipper Kaur's brief burst.

MI's batters were kept in check in both the key scoring blocks of Powerplay and death overs, DC allowing 41/2 in the first six and a sorry 18/3 in the last three overs. The situation could have been worse but for Kaur's enterprising 22-ball 42. Together with Sciver-Brunt, they added 73 runs off 39 balls for the third wicket after Shikha Pandey had struck twice inside five overs to send back openers Yastika Bhatia and Matthews.

The shackles were broken in the eighth over, bowled by Radha Yadav, where Kaur hit her left-arm spin for a four and six. There was no looking back for the MI skipper as she hoisted Arundhati Reddy for six over long on. Two overs later, Annabel Sutherland's medium pace was dispatched for three fours and a six by the India captain. Sutherland had the last laugh as Kaur's upper cut went straight to deep third man. MI lost their last six wickets for 35 runs, three of them run outs, as DC kept the runs in check. Sciver-Brunt remained unbeaten on a 59-ball 80 while seven MI batters failed to reach double figures.

Brief scores: Mumbai Indians 164 in 19.1 overs (N Sciver-Brunt 80*, H Kaur 42; A Sutherland 3/34) lost to Delhi Capitals 165/8 in 20 overs (S Verma 43; A Kerr 2/22) by 2 wickets.



Manchester City's Omar Marmoush scored a hat-trick. AFP

Arsenal close gap on Reds as Marmoush treble lifts Man City

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LONDON: Arsenal ignored their injury woes to close the gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool as Mikel Merino inspired a 2-0 win against Leicester while Omar Marmoush's hat-trick fired Manchester City's 4-0 rout of top four rivals Newcastle on Saturday.

Mikel Arteta's side were in danger of wasting a chance to put pressure on Liverpool in the title race as they laboured to make the breakthrough at the King Power Stadium.

With his attacking options limited by a host of injuries, Arteta sent on Spain midfielder Merino to act as a makeshift striker in the closing stages.

It proved an inspired move as Merino netted twice in the last nine minutes to extend Arsenal's unbeaten run in the league to 15 games.

In the 81st minute, Ethan Nwaneri swung a pin-point cross into the Leicester area and Merino found space to thump his header past Mads Hermansen from six yards. Seven minutes later, Leandro Trossard whipped a cross into the six-yard box and Merino's well-timed run eluded the Leicester defence as he slotted home to move second-placed Arsenal within four points of Liverpool.

With Kai Havertz ruled out for the season after suffering a hamstring injury blocking a shot during Arsenal's recent training trip to Dubai, Arteta was left with a threadbare attack. Gabriel Jesus, Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli were already sidelined by injuries. Having lost 2-0 at Newcastle in the League Cup semi-final second leg before an extended break due to their early FA Cup exit, the Gunners returned to action with a vital victory.

Liverpool can increase the lead back to seven points if they beat lowly Wolves at Anfield on Sunday.

At the Etihad Stadium, Egypt forward Marmoush scored his first City goals since arriving from Eintracht Frankfurt during the January transfer window. Marmoush ended a run of four games without a goal in the 19th minute as he sprinted onto Ederson's long kick and deftly lobbed Newcastle keeper Martin Dubravka.

Just five minutes later, Marmoush found the back of the net again with a powerful blast that took a deflection off Kieran Trippier as it whistled past Dubravka. The 26-year-old wasn't done, and he completed his 14-minute hat-trick in the 33rd minute. Savinho's pass found Marmoush in the Newcastle area and he was granted time and space to slot home for the first treble of his career.

James McAtee's 84th minute volley capped a much-needed boost for City after Tuesday's 3-2 defeat against Real Madrid in the Champions League play-off round first leg.

Sable plans to ring in changes after disappointing Paris run

India's steeplechaser is on the lookout for a new coach after a disappointing 11th place finish at Paris

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NEW DELHI: Avinash Sable has no qualms in accepting that 2024 was his worst year since his rise to prominence. The 30-year-old turned up in his pet event — 3,000m steeplechase — in six competitions last year and barring the Paris Diamond League in July, where he rewrote his national record for the 11th time (8:09.91), there was nothing to gloat about.

At the Olympics, Sable became the first Indian male steeplechaser to make the final, but an 11th-place finish with a time of 8:14.18 didn't do justice to the promise he had shown in the couple of years leading up to Paris. "It was one of my worst years on the circuit. I performed way below my expectations. We train for four years for the Olympics but when the moment came, I just could not deliver," Sable said.

Paris was not the first time Sable had combusted at the big stage. After failing to make the final at Tokyo Olympics, he had a forgettable World Championships final (8:31.75) in 2022 where he finished 11th.

He redeemed himself admirably at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in less than three weeks to finish second (8:11.20), a feat that ended Kenya's 28-year undisputed reign over the discipline.

Next year, he became the first Indian man to win the steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games and looked primed for a strong show at the Olympics. That's when things started going downhill.

Sable developed persistent breathing trouble caused by nasal septum deviation, and to make matters worse, his right calf gave way in the off-season. "The two issues, I believe, combined to slow me down. My calf would hurt after just 2-3 laps and by the time the race ended, the pain would consume my hamstring. I was also struggling with my breathing which meant I was always huffing and puffing," he said.



Recovery after Games

With no major competitions until the Asian Championships in May, Sable had enough time post Paris have a closer look at his body and preparation. After a short trip to his home in Beed, he went under the knife in October to address the nasal issue. A month of rehab later, he checked into the SAI facility in Bengaluru — where he is currently based — and began his off-season. Strength, he was told, was a major issue that caused soreness in his calf.

"A good rehab and targeted training helped me get rid of the pain. For the first time in 2-3 years, I am completely pain-free," he said.

"I believe I am capable of a consistent top-six finish in elite competitions. Commonwealth and Asian Games are great but I feel I need to graduate to the World and Olympic level because I have the potential."

The unfulfilled potential and the realisation that he had hit a wall after the Hangzhou high mean Sable is keen on moving on from his American coach Scott Simmons in this cycle. He is also on the lookout for new training venues, preferably in Kenya, Ethiopia, or Morocco.

"Unless we change, we won't get the results we desire," he said. "I am at a stage where I can think for myself. I have great respect for Scott who has got me this far, but that push towards the Olympic or World Championships medal probably needs a change in training methods, approach, or venue."

While a bunch of Indian athletes are currently training under Simmons in Colorado Springs, Sable is happy to "coach myself". He has devised his own training plans, gleaned largely from his "best off-season" that he had two years back, and tracks his progress on a weekly basis.

"I need a coach but I am not desperate. I want to train in a small, specialised group since steeplechase is a very technical discipline. I have trained in the US for two seasons which was great, but the training group was too large for my liking," he assessed.

Simmons would train about 12-15 athletes in his camp and the group was a mix of 5k, 10k and marathon runners along with steeplechase athletes.

"A group of 10 or less athletes would be ideal. I am also open to different training routines so that I don't plateau. I never paid any attention to strength training earlier but that will be a major part of my routine now," he said.

Sable is also in touch with a German coach — whose identity he doesn't wish to disclose — and plans to begin his steeplechase training next month. He will open his season at the Xiamen Diamond League in China on April 26 and will also compete in the Shanghai Diamond League on May 3.

"I might appear in some 1,500m or 5,000m events in India in March-April, but the steeplechase season will begin with the twin Diamond Leagues in China," he said.

Another of Sable's wishes is to have more Indians joining him in overseas training and competitions, something he feels will push him. "I have seen that with Kenyans and Ethiopians who have multiple runners in big finals. They can pace themselves or plan tactics. In my case, it gets very lonely," he said.



Deepika. HOCKEY INDIA

LATE DRAMA AS INDIA WOMEN WIN BUT MEN LOSE TO SPAIN

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NEW DELHI: The Indian women's hockey team defeated England 3-2 in their opening match of the FIH Pro League at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

Vice-captain Navneet Kaur (59th minute) sealed the victory with a decisive late winner after Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (6th) and Deepika (25th) found the net for India. Darcy Bourne (12th) and Fiona Crackles (58th) scored for England.

Two of India's goals came from penalty corners, showcasing an improvement in an area that has often been considered their Achilles heel. The late goal secured a dramatic victory for India, earning them three points to start their campaign on a high.

Spain hand India 3-1 loss

Spain beat India 3-1 in a tough men's FIH Pro League match later in the day. While Sukhjeet was the lone scorer for India, Borja Lacalle (28th), Ignacio Cobos (38th) and Bruno Avila (56th) scored for the Spanish side to begin the tournament in impressive fashion.

The 2-1 lead gave Spain good momentum going into the last quarter. While India's woes with PC conversion continued, Spain scored a critical goal in the 56th minute that was a winner for them. A rookie mistake by skipper Harmanpreet Singh as he attempted to take the aerial pass from Spain's possession resulted in conceding a penalty corner.

Though the Indian side argued the call, the umpire remained adamant. Bruno Avila slotted home with a brilliant drag-flick, scoring his maiden international goal.

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